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## Cowbridge Comprehensive pupils celebrate GCSE joy



It was a good day at Cowbridge Comprehensive School last Thursday as pupils picked up their GCSE results – find out how they fared on page 3.

## Local wreath commemorates 1928 pilgrimage

IN 1928, on the direction of Field Marshal Earl Hague, the British Legion in cooperation with The British Empire Service League organised for 11,000 war veterans and widows to undertake a battlefields pilgrimage to some of the Western Front battlefields.

They then paraded to the Menin Gate on August 8 to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the launch of the final 'Hundred Days Offensive' that was at last to bring an end to the First World War.

More recently, members of the Cowbridge and District branch of the Royal British Legion joined thousands of Armed Forces veterans and supporters from across the UK and worldwide in a similar pilgrimage of remembrance to some of World War One's most poignant sites. Just as in 1928, on August 8 led by 1,100 standard bearers, the pilgrimage culminated in a march through Ypres to the Commonwealth War Grave Commission's Menin Gate memorial.

Roger Barwick and Peter Davies attended this Great Pilgrimage 90 as standard bearer and wreath layer respectively.

Roger Barwick, the Cowbridge branch standard bearer said: "It was the Legion's biggest membership event in modern history and was a most suitable tribute by members of the Royal British Legion in honour of the First World War generation."

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The Vale Council's parking strategy is currently in a period of consultation, and the drop-in session is part of that.

Details of the consultation can be found on [http://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/en/our\\_council/consultation/Draft-Parking-Strategy-Consultation.aspx](http://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/en/our_council/consultation/Draft-Parking-Strategy-Consultation.aspx)



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# Inaugural Llanmaes Oakfest raises £6,500



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**THE inaugural Oakfest, raising money for young people's charity CLIC Sargent and Cancer Research UK, was blessed with lovely sunshine.**

It took place in the village of Llanmaes. The organiser Llinos Griffin-Williams, a cancer survivor herself, told The GEM: "It was a fantastic event that smashed all expectations."

"One thousand people came through the gates over the course of the day and £6,500 has been raised so far, with more money coming in."

"It was an event the whole community got behind, from the farmers to the artists, vendors, volunteers, sponsors and Llanmaes community."

"It was a truly a

special day loved by everyone. There were queues at the gate and people turned up with a smile, ready to spend their cash.

"The laughter classes, massage tent, food, prosecco, bouncy castle, glitter face paints and circus skills were all a huge hit."

"People came from local villages, Barry and Cardiff to join in the fun."

Llinos added: "An army of hard working volunteers made the day fun and festive. Our lead sponsors Alun Griffiths Construction were tremendous."

"Special thanks go to Paul Thomas and family who let us borrow the land and helped to save the day after the previous night's rain."

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## HIGH TIDE TIMES (UNTIL SEPTEMBER 6)

*The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary.*

*For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.*

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| 04 Tues | 00.53 | 8.2 | 13.28 | 8.1 |
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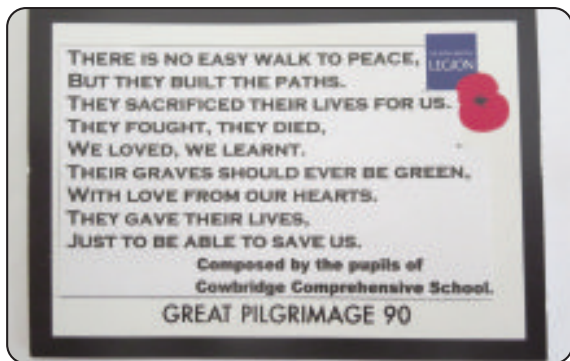
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# 1928 pilgrimage commemorated



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Roger continued: "Being part of such an historic event, representing Cowbridge in commemorating those who lost their lives in the First World War, was a great honour and something that I will never forget."

The Cowbridge wreath was one of nearly 1,200 similar wreaths laid during the ceremony at the Menin Gate memorial.

Fittingly the inscription on the wreath, remembering those who made the ultimate sacrifice, was composed by pupils of Cowbridge Comprehensive School.

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**Moth Night in gardens**

OLD Hall garden volunteers are running another Moth Night in Old Hall Gardens – this seems to have become an annual event!

This year it's on the evening of Friday, August 31 starting at 9pm, with the trapped moths on display from 10am – 12pm the following morning.

Further information on 01446 773373.

# 'Best ever' GCSEs at comprehensive

**AFTER** record-breaking A-Level results, Cowbridge Comprehensive School GCSE students are celebrating what a spokesperson described as the "... best results in the school's history".

Some 48 per cent of pupils gained 5 or more GCSEs at A\*/A grades.

Mrs Thomas, the school's headteacher said: "I am thrilled and overjoyed that so many of our young people have achieved so well. It is fantastic that our students will have the very best opportunities open to them for the next phase of education and that their stunning achievements will provide open doors for prosperous futures within and beyond Wales."

"The staff, pupils and governors have collectively created a high performance culture. It is therefore highly rewarding to learn that our students have in many cases exceeded their potential, with individuals achieving the best value added in the country."

"We are proud that 100 per cent of students gained qualifications in 5 or more subjects and 87.7 per cent of the cohort gained five or more GCSEs, including maths and English at A\*-C grades."

"Pupils achieved top grades of A\*-A across all subjects, fulfilling our strategy and determination to stretch and challenge our brightest."

"It is particularly pleasing to see that in the core subjects of English, Maths and Science, in excess of 91 per cent of the year group achieved A\*-C in all three subjects. The newly reformed science qualification this year saw 92.5 per cent of students' performance at A\*-C. Congratulations and well done to all."

School Spokesperson



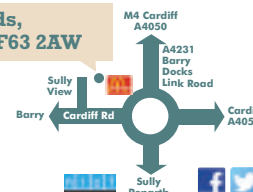
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## Reader's thanks

**I** WOULD like to thank three lovely people, who attended to me after I had a particularly nasty fall outside the Eryl Surgery last Thursday, August 16.

They comforted me and stayed until the ambulance arrived. It really restored my faith in the good people of Llantwit Major. You know who you are. Thanks a million.

Elke Jones,  
Llantwit Major.

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## Ysgol Llanhari is 'very pleased' with GCSE results



**THERE were celebrations from Ysgol Llanhari after this year's GCSE results.**

**Longyfarchiadau blwyddyn 11** – Mae'n rhaid datlu yn Llanhari.

Cyhoeddwyd canlyniadau TGAU calonogol iawn eleni ac unwaith eto, penllanw dwy flynedd o lafur caled a dyfalbarhad gan ddisgyblion a staff yw'r canlyniadau TGAU.

Rydym wrth ein bodd bod y disgyblion wedi llwyddo i gyrraedd y nod. Uchafbwynt eleni yw canlyniadau rhagorol yr adranau iaith lle llwyddodd 88% o'r disgyblion i ennill graddau A\*-C mewn un neu ddwy o'r ieithoedd.

Ers llynedd, gwelwyd cynnydd yn nifer y disgyblion a enillodd graddau A\*-C mewn pump neu fwy o bynciau gan gynnwys Mathemateg a iaith ac fe gyrhaeddodd 100% o'r disgyblion y trothwy lefel 1.

Llwyddodd 100% o'r disgyblion i ennill graddau TGAU mewn naw neu fwy o bynciau. Elan Booth, Joseff Kirkman a Jac Welsh oedd ar y brig eleni gan ennill rhes o'raddau A\* ac A rhyngddynt.

Dathlwn fel staff a rhieni bod y disgyblion i gyd wedi gwreiddu eu potensial ac edrychwn ymlaen i'w gweld yn datblygu ymhellach fel

aelodau o'n chweched dosbarth ac yn adeiladu ar eu llwyddiannau. Longyfarchiadau gwresog i chi gyd.

**Congratulations year 11** – It's time to celebrate at Llanhari.

We are very pleased with this year's GCSE results and the pupils and staff have been rewarded for their hard work and perseverance over the past two years. We are delighted that so many pupils have achieved their goals.

A highlight this year was the fact that 88 of the pupils achieved A\*-C grades in either Welsh or English or in both languages. We have also seen an improvement in the number of pupils achieving A\*-C in five or more subjects, including Mathematics and a language and 100% of the pupils attained the Level 1 threshold. 100% of pupils succeeded in obtaining a GCSE grade in nine or more subjects.

Elan Booth, Joseff Kirkman and Jac Welsh were the highest performers, attaining an array of A\* and A grades between them.

Staff and parents are delighted to be able to celebrate with all pupils who have fulfilled their potential and we look forward to welcoming many of them back to the sixth form where they can further build on their success.

**School Spokesperson**

## Pupils' charity climb to remember former teacher

**EARLIER this month, a group of 14 year-13 students from Llantwit Major School climbed Pen Y Fan in support of their former teacher's chosen cancer hospice charity.**

Having recently lost Mr Paul Riley, who passed away on June 23, pupils felt they wanted to organise an event to celebrate his life and raise money for his chosen charity.

Ellis McDonald and others set up a JustGiving page which describes their feelings for their former teacher and why they wanted to organise this event.

"Very recently, our amazing teacher, Mr Paul Riley, finally lost his ongoing fight with cancer. It is terrible news about a great man and a

great teacher, who has been a fab role model for us all throughout our time at Llantwit Major School. Over the years, we as a class have seen how hard he worked and how much effort he put in to come to school and teach us, despite him being severely ill.

"He didn't have to be in school, but he came in for us and it is something that we always have, and always will, appreciate. It is a privilege to have been taught by him."

At the time of print pupils the group have raised £1,718 for Y Bwthyn Newydd Palliative care unit, Princess of Wales Hospital Bridgend.

If anyone would like to donate the JustGiving page is: [www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/mr\\_rileyclimb](http://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/mr_rileyclimb).

## Friends of Tenovus plan shopping trip

**COWBRIDGE Friends of Tenovus are off to Bicester Shopping Village – and we would love you to come with us!**

The trip is on Thursday, September 27, leaving the rear of Cowbridge Town Hall Square bus stop at 8.45am sharp!

We will pickup at Pontprennau Services, east of Cardiff, at 9.30am and travel to Oxfordshire in a luxury coach provided by Edwards Travel, arriving at approximately 11.30am.

You will have the day to explore all the designer outlets at leisure and perhaps take in lunch before returning with us at 5pm, which should get us to Cowbridge around 8.30pm traffic permitting.

The cost is £25 per person, so grab a bargain and let the bus take the strain.

As before entertainment on the bus, in the shape of bingo and quizzes will be provided by the lovely Linda, one of the assistant shop managers in Cowbridge.

So don't miss out, get

your ticket from the diary. Tenovus shop on Cowbridge High Street, or contact Gail on 07885 25446 or [gailtalks@hotmail.com](mailto:gailtalks@hotmail.com). At the end of September we will start selling tickets for our Lovelight Service at Holy Cross Church, Cowbridge, on Friday, December 7. Please keep this date free in your

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## 'Beggars Bush' has a long, long history

**IN answer to Roger Bradshaw's recent query in The GEM about the whereabouts of 'Beggars Bush', I consulted Brian James (president of the Cowbridge History Society) who assures me it is the area by that sharp bend in the St Athan road as you descend from the outskirts of Cowbridge towards Llandough.**

Then I 'searched' in our History Society digital archive and came up immediately with several references.

David Jones of Wallington, who grew up in Great House, Llanblethian, in the mid 19th century, wrote that the name Beggars Bush "was derived from the Begging Friars, probably at that spot they ... preached". He thought there would have been thorn trees there to give them shelter.

Other references in the archive are in 1683

(the Will of Cecilia Basset); 1778 to 1823 in the Llanblethian rentals when the Richards family leased the land; 1824 when a cottage was to be built there for Mathias Jones and family, and on January 1, 1882 when FW Edmondson of Old Hall wrote in his diary: "Took Non for a walk to top of Llanblethian Hill, passed the Cross, down the steps passed the Nicholls at Great House, through Windmill field to Beggars Bush, up the lane and across to Coxey Lane, Stumpies, Poplars and home".

The Cowbridge fire engine driven by Evan Tucker, landlord of the Railway Inn (later Basil's Brasserie), apparently 'went over the hedge at Beggars Bush'.

I hope this might help with the query, and I'm really impressed with how easy it is to search our archive. The History Society computer is about to be installed in the History Room in Old Hall (Room 5), so do come in on a Wednesday morning and give it a try.

Betty Alden

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#### ATODLEN 2

**Lleoliad:** Y rhan o'r A4226 Waycock Road (5 Mile Lane) y Barri o Fferm Blacklands i'r gyffordd â'r ffordd i Moulton

**Rheswm:** Mae'r cyfyngiad yn cael ei weithredu i alluogi gwaith gwaith ar y gyffordd.

**Hyd:** O 10.00 am ddydd Llun 3 Medi 2018 am hyd at 18 mis.

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### THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (A4226 WAYCOCK ROAD (5 MILE LANE), BARRY) (30MPH SPEED RESTRICTION) (TEMPORARY) ORDER 2018

On the 30th August 2018 the Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and of all other enabling powers made an Order the general effect of which is as described in the Schedules below.

The Order will come into operation on the 3rd September 2018 or on the date that the necessary Traffic Signs are in place whichever is the later and a copy of the Order may be seen at the address shown below during normal office hours.

If you wish to question the validity of the Order or any provisions contained therein on the grounds that they are not within the powers conferred by the above Act or on the grounds that any requirement of the same or that any instrument made under it has not been complied with in relation to the Order, you may within six weeks from the 3rd September 2018 apply to the High Court for this purpose.

#### SCHEDULE 1

No person shall cause or permit a motor vehicle to travel at a speed greater than 30 mph in the location specified in Schedule 2 below.

#### SCHEDULE 2

**Location:** The section of A4226 Waycock Road (5 Mile Lane) Barry from Blacklands Farm to the junction with the road to Moulton

**Reason:** The restriction is being implemented to allow new road improvement works to take place.

**Duration:** From 10.00 Hours on Monday 3rd September 2018 for a maximum period of 18 months.

**Dated this 30th day of August 2018**

Director of Environment and Housing

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## Bon voyage to Julie



**FINALLY**, after 23 years of working for Anthony Brown Estate Agents Limited, Llantwit Major, Julie Barber from St Athan is retiring and looking forward to spending more time with husband Terry and parents Cliff and Iris.

Julie has seen many changes in the estate agency business over the years; in her early years she looked after all aspects of running the busy Halifax Building Society agency that was in situ at Gwent House, as well as running and administering the needs of a busy agency, including the preparation of sales particulars before the digital camera age.

Determined not to be left behind with the ever-changing advances in technology, she was responsible for how the lettings side of the agency advanced and prospered, and I'm sure she will be missed by both landlords and tenants alike.

Julie intends to travel, and in recognition of her commitment over the years, she is starting off her retirement with a well-deserved holiday to Turkey with Terry, which is her main present from owners and directors Anthony and Mark Brown.

We are sure that Julie will be missed by her work colleagues Carl, Jo, Myra and all who have dealt with her over the years.

MARK BROWN

## Beach clean goes ahead despite rain

**DESPITE** rain and wind, 35 people set out on the morning of August 26 on a sponsored beach clean at Ogmere in aid of Velindre Cancer Centre.

Some 40 bags of rubbish were collected and so far, more than £3,700 has been raised for the cancer charity.

Many thanks to all those who supported the event, particularly Trevor at the Edmondson Arms, Jayne and Robin at the Horse and Groom, Fablas Ice Cream, Amanda Jones Jewellery, and Cowbridge Rugby Club.

GARETH PETTY

## Craft Show this Saturday

**COLWINSTON Craft & Produce Show takes place on September 1 in Colwinston Village Hall.**

Entry to the hall is at 10am, open to all; open for viewing at 2pm, refreshments available.

**Classes**  
**Flowers:** arrangement in a cocktail glass; a single bloom; arrangement in a tea pot; posy of flowers.

**Vegetables:** six runner beans; one onion; six tomatoes; three bunches of herbs; selection of five vegetables.

**Baking:** Victoria

sponge with raspberry jam filling; six Welsh cakes; three decorated cupcakes.

**Preserves:** pot of jam; pot of chutney; pot of lemon curd.

**Photography:** scenic colour photo of holidays; black and white photo, city break.

**Craft:** item using wool; item using wood; item made from fabric; creative item using recycled material.

**Young People:** age under 5 – beach picture size A4 any medium; age 5-11 – decorated vegetable; age 12-16 – upcycle an old T-shirt for a holiday.

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# Wick YFC members plan for a new year



**WICK Young Farmers Club held its AGM on August 21 and there was a fantastic turnout.**

It was an absolute pleasure to see so many faces from the past, as well as some of our most junior members in attendance. We were delighted to re-elect Mr John Lougher of Ty Tanglwyst as our president.

John has been an incredible asset to us over the years and brings a wealth of knowledge, experience and enthusiasm which we couldn't possibly do without.

We then welcomed Lloyd Harris Thomas and Tom Edwards to our club leader bench, serving alongside Jon Thomas and the club's backbone, Charlotte Thomas.

We were sorry to see

Mrs Miranda McGinn step down due to work commitments. Her experience and support over the years has been incredible.

Congratulations to Alex Edwards, our new chairman, and Tori Powell as vice chair assisted by Rose Lubin as secretary. This team has been an absolute credit to us over the past year and we look forward to another action-packed, fun-filled, adrenaline-pumping year ahead.

Del Davies continues as minute secretary, Alisha Major as PR and newly-elected Luke Holmes as treasurer. Finally, Hollie Jones and Lloyd Harris Thomas became our stock-judging captains. Well done all!

Lloyd went on to achieve further fame from county YFC on Thursday as the newly-elected county rally

chairman. Congratulations Lloyd, and very best wishes in your new role.

Having celebrated our year's successes at our first Summer Fest on August 18 with the nationally acclaimed DJ James Bramhall, we now look forward to the start of our new YFC year in September. Our calendar is almost finalised and will be available on our website shortly.

Last year we increased our membership by 42 per cent and we aim to go even better this year. New Members' Night will be held in September, offering a taster session; the date will be announced on our social media shortly.

If you're between 10 and 26 years old and want to meet new friends, boost confidence, learn new skills, travel the globe or simply have fun, we welcome you to be part of our family.

Competitions are incredibly varied ranging from drama, pantomime, public speaking, craft, stock judging, carpentry, craft, singing, dance to name a few. Our club is organised by our members for our members.

Members set their own pace under the guidance of our fully verified and highly experienced club leaders.

Last year, some of our members represented Wales YFC and set off around the world including Argentina and Canada; other members enjoyed a skiing trip to France.

While working hard within competitions we enjoyed trips to Jump Jam, Amdani Ffartainment, Bridgend Golf, Treetops, Playzone, Winter Wonderland to name a few. There is never a dull moment in Wick YFC.

To find out more, visit our website on [www.wickyfc.com](http://www.wickyfc.com). We meet at Wick village hall on Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm unless we are out and about seeking new thrills and lasting memories.

And remember - You Don't Have to Be a Farmer to Be in Young Farmers!

Alisha Major



## COMMUNITY NEWS TREOES, LLANGAN & ST MARY HILL

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Llangan. (01656) 860303

### Saron Chapel

**FOLLOWING** the successful communion service which took place on August 19, it was a pleasant surprise having Mary Lloyd providing the music.

Now we can look forward to the next event, which will again take place in Saron Chapel. This year's harvest festival service will take place on Sunday, September 9 at 5pm.

**Treoes harvest** ON Sunday, September 9, the Treoes village hall will become the venue for the Treoes Harvest celebration.

All entries will be gratefully received at the hall between 12 noon and

1.30pm. The hall will be closed from 1.30pm to 3pm for judging.

Free entry to all classes, homemade produce and preserves, and cookery entries will be put forward for auction after judging to raise funds for Treoes allotment and Saron Chapel.

**St Canna's Church, Llangan**

**SERVICES** to be held at 11.15am with Eucharist on second Sunday and all age service on the fourth Sunday. Everyone is assured of a warm welcome.

## Cyclist's reward

**BARRY police have been investigating an incident in the town which took place on Gladstone Bridge on June 24.**

Cyclist Douglas Jones told his story in The GEM on August 9, saying he advised fellow cyclists to "dismount and get onto the pavement" for their own safety if they heard the roar of a car approaching.

The police issued the following appeal for information: "We are investigating a collision involving a cyclist and a car which occurred on Gladstone Bridge,

Barry, on June 24 at around 7.15pm.

"A black car is reported to have been in collision with the cyclist before the driver left the scene."

"Anyone who witnessed the incident or who has any information is asked to call 101 quoting 1800230792 or call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111."

Mr Jones is offering a £3,000 reward for information leading to the identification of the person responsible.

If anyone has information, they should contact the police.

## Male Voice Choir is back in tune

**FOLLOWING** the annual concert at the end of July and the summer break during August, Cowbridge Male Voice Choir will begin rehearsing again at Holy Cross Church, Cowbridge starting at 7.30pm on September 5.

The choir already has an interesting month planned. On September 19, they will be holding an open rehearsal at sponsor's showroom, The Place for Homes, Unit 1, Sutton Road, Llandow, Cowbridge, CF87 7PA.

The next concert is on September 22 at St Andrews and St Teilo's Church, Woodville Road, Cathays, Cardiff, CF24 4DX, at 7.30pm.

This will be a joint concert with Cathays Brass, who recently came second at Llangollen in the National Championships and is in aid of

Llamau.

On the following Wednesday, September 26, the choir will perform at the Church of St Cadoc in Llanccarfan at 7.30pm.

Following these concerts, they will begin to prepare for the Christmas Festival Concert at Holy Cross Church on October 23.

This is an ideal time to join the choir. Why not come and visit at Holy Cross Church on September 5?

It has been medically proved that singing is good for your health and wellbeing by making you feel good. According to scientists, it has a dramatic effect on heart rate variability, which is linked to a reduced risk of heart disease, so come along to one of the choir rehearsals, where you can be assured of a warm welcome.

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## Record GCSEs at St Cyres



**FOLLOWING last week's outstanding A Level and Welsh Baccalaureate results, which saw St Cyres' students achieve the highest-ever results for the school, Year 11 GCSE students at St Cyres are celebrating another record set of GCSE results.**

Headteacher Dr Jonathan Hicks commented: "Last week's A-Level results were superb and we were thrilled with the grades that our students achieved."

"This week our year-11 pupils have once again achieved record results in their GCSEs."

"Our Level 2 Plus (the percentage of pupils who achieve at least five GCSE passes, including English Language and Mathematics or Numeracy, and which is used as the major benchmark of achievement in Wales) has risen from 42 per cent last year to 62 per cent this year."

"This is truly phenomenal and represents the highest figure in the

school's history under the new school performance measures. In addition, 17 per cent of our pupils gained five or more A\*-A grades – again the highest-ever figure for the school.

"I should like to pass on my warmest congratulations to all of our pupils and to publicly thank our tremendously committed and skilled staff for all their hard work this year."

"These two wonderful sets of results, plus our recent excellent Key Stage 3 results, all show that St Cyres School is providing an excellent education for local children."

"We are proud to serve the local community in our superb building and grounds, and will be endeavouring to achieve even greater success in 2019."

A large number of students are planning to join the Sixth Form at St Cyres School to study a wide range of AS and A Levels, plus the Welsh Baccalaureate. Enrolment takes place on Friday, August 24, from 8.30am to 10.30am. Students wishing to transfer to St Cyres should contact the sixth form office about entrance requirements on 02920 352487.



## Bally good show by ballet school



## Big Lottery Fund open

**THE Big Lottery Fund is seeking applications from groups in the Vale and to help, Glamorgan Voluntary Services (GVS) has organised a day of pre-booked appointments with the Big Lottery Fund for its National Lottery Awards for All Wales (A4AW) and People and Places (P&P) programmes.**

The Big Lottery funding surgery will be held at the Western Vale Integrated Children's Centre, Station Road, Llantwit

Major (CF61 1ST) (next to St Illtud Primary School) on Tuesday, September 18.

A4AW awards grants between £300 (medium) and £100,001 to £500,000 (large). Voluntary and community groups serving the Vale will be able to apply for a half-hour appointment with Big Lottery Fund advisors to discuss the eligibility of a potential application. Groups that wish to apply must be available any time between 9am and 5pm on September 18.

Further information is available on: [www.gvs.wales/news/2018/08/big-lottery-fund](http://www.gvs.wales/news/2018/08/big-lottery-fund) or 01446 741706, enquiries@gvs.wales.

**THE Moya Vahey School of Russian Classical Ballet, based in BIJOU, Cowbridge held the annual end-of-year garden party in the Old Hall Gardens, Cowbridge.**

Children from across the Vale from Barry to Porthcawl, danced in the hot sunshine and entertained their family and friends.

Llewelyn Brown and Rachel Bent danced a *pas de deux*, they are pictured (above) by Gemma Griffiths.

Grateful thanks go to Pete Clinton, the Old Hall and The Pencil Case.

Some £333 was raised for Cancer Research Wales.

Moya Vahey

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Vale novelist Belinda Bauer.

## Will Vale novelist's 'Snap' make the Man Booker shortlist?

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VALE crime writer Belinda Bauer will find out shortly whether her novel *Snap* has made the Man Booker Prize shortlist for 2018.

In July, the longlist of 13 books was announced and it included 'Snap' which raised a few eyebrows because the Man Booker Prize is considered highbrow, and hasn't included crime stories in the past.

Belinda, who regularly attends literary events in the Vale, told The GEM that the nomination had come as a pleasant and unexpected surprise.

"I was amazed and delighted. Crime has never been recognised so this just didn't seem possible and I'm still getting over the shock."

"I think crime has been unfairly marginalized over many years, and not considered to be worthy of consideration by 'quality' readers."

"But as virtually every great book in history pivots on a crime of some sort, this modern disdain for the genre is a silly snobbery. I'm hoping that Snap's nomination will be the thing that kicks down the door for all other crime writers to

feel ambitious for their books too."

Belinda shot to fame when she won the CWA Gold Dagger for her debut novel *Blacklands* in 2010. It was set in Exmoor and told the story of a 12-year-old boy whose family had been traumatised by the disappearance of his uncle – and how the youngster hopes to discover the truth by writing to a jailed serial killer.

Readers praised the book's originality, tense plot and evocation of a broken family; critics greeted an exciting new voice in crime fiction.

By the time she wrote her fourth novel set in south Wales – *Rubbernecker* – she had established a reputation as a leading crime writer. 'Rubbernecker' landed her the Theakston Old Peculier Crime Novel of the Year award in 2014.

*Snap* tells the story of a teenage boy's attempt to track down his mother's killer.

Belinda explained: "It's about three children trying to survive after

their mother is murdered and their father abandons them."

"The oldest boy, Jack, is trying to keep the family together by keeping them all hidden, but when he discovers the knife that he believes killed his mother, he is forced to risk everything by going to the police."

The advent of online booksellers has meant readers often leave their own book review on a site. It's something Belinda welcomes.

"I read every review – and am grateful that people take the time to write them, good or bad. Sometimes I understand why people haven't liked a book, and – if I think they have a valid point – I try to do better."

The Man Booker Prize winner receives a cheque for £50,000 but more important is the publicity it generates for the person chosen and follow-on sales.

The longlist is reduced to six books in September and the winner is announced on Tuesday, October 16.

## Vale schools rise above national average for GCSEs

VALE of Glamorgan schools have once again produced an outstanding examination performance, with pupils from the county posting the highest ever percentage of A\* and A GCSE grades, reported a Vale council spokesman.

Following on from last week's A-Level success, 26.9 per cent of GCSE results were within these top two categories, an increase of 2.5 per cent on last year, and 8.4 per cent above the Welsh national average.

Nearly 70 per cent of all entries achieved grades A\* to C, compared to a Wales average of 61.6 per cent, which represents a 1.3 per cent improvement on 2017.

The proportion of pupils awarded grades A\* to G is 97.2 per cent, also above the Welsh average of 96.4 per cent.

A host of Vale schools also achieved noteworthy individual successes.

Cowbridge Comprehensive recorded its best ever set

of results as 48 per cent of students achieved five A\* or A grades and 87.7 per cent gained five grades A\* to C, including English and Mathematics.

At Stanwell, 82.6 per cent of pupils gained five A\* to C grades, including English and Mathematics, while Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg, St Richard Gwyn and St Cyres all saw performance improve across a number of measures.

These accomplishments come a week after Vale schools also enjoyed significant A-Level triumphs, when the proportion of pupils achieving top grades rose and many other performance indicators were also significantly above the Welsh average.

Cllr Bob Penrose, Vale Council cabinet member for learning and culture, said: "Vale schools have once more shone when it comes to examination performance and everyone involved should be immensely proud of their achievements."

"Coupled with last week's A-Level success, this has been a hugely successful summer for the county's educational staff and pupils and I'd like to pass on my sincere congratulations to you all."

"Such strong GCSE results indicate there are a large number of Vale pupils with extremely bright futures in front of them and I wish you all every success as you embark on the next step of that journey."

## Artspace invitation

THE artists and sculptors of Canonhill Artspace studios (Canon Street, Barry) are opening their doors to reveal their working environment.

Entry is free and the studios will be open Saturday and Sunday, September 1-2, 12pm to 4pm.

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With a mission to be a sustainable airport business generating significant economic benefit for Wales, the airport must be integrated into both local and national planning.

Cardiff Airport is inviting local residents to attend a public engagement event in September.

The first will take place on Thursday, September 6, at Cardiff Story Museum, The Old Library, Cardiff CF10 1BH, 4pm to 7pm. There will be an opportunity to come along informally to view plans and submit feedback, with a presentation and Q&A session taking place from 6pm.

The second event will take place on Friday, September 7, at Barry Library, CF63 4RW, 9am to 1pm, with a presentation and Q&A session from 12 noon.

Cardiff Airport aims to grow from the current 1.5 million passengers per annum to three million and beyond.

Facilities must therefore meet the needs of the increased passenger numbers but also meet and exceed modern traveller's expectations.

All growth must be balanced with local environmental and social concerns, with the Airport recognising the important role sustainability plays in the future vision.

The masterplan highlights include:

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# Thumbs up for wild flowers

**ONE** of the first actions of Barry's newest environmental group was to praise the Vale Council for sowing wild flowers on some of their roundabouts and public parks.

Barry Action for Nature said it wanted to compliment the Vale Council for recognising the importance of the environment's pollinators.

Bumblebees, honey bees, butterflies and moths play a vital role in the lives of us all by pollinating crops. Since the 1930s, it is estimated that we have lost 97 per cent of flower-rich meadows, leaving pollinators hungry and homeless.

Pollinators are vital to creating and maintaining the ecosystems that many animals rely on, including humans. They also assist in the reproduction of 90 per cent of the world's flowering plants.

Founder and coordinator of Barry Action for Nature, Rob Curtis, said: "It is important to praise the Vale Council when they get things right. Even though we have just gone through one of the hottest summers on record, many of our wild flower patches have recovered and are now supporting our insect life, which in

turn benefits all the other species as well. Well done!

"Formal planting of colourful flowers may look nice to humans but often they are a desert for our pollinators, offering no or very little pollen and nectar.

"It is much better to plant wild flowers, which in turn supports honey bees, bumble bees, butterflies and moths.

"We must all set aside areas, whether in our garden, at work or in our parks, for our pollinators. Native wild flower mixes are easily purchased online often very cheaply but their value to our wildlife is priceless."

**FIRST MEETING**  
THE first meeting of Barry Action for Nature will take place at Highlight Park Community Centre, Sterling Road, Barry, CF62 8NS on Wednesday, September 5, starting at 6pm and lasting for one hour.

All members (and potential members) are invited to attend to help plan our future campaigns and voluntary work.

# Pupils maintain high pass record



Headteacher Mr Price with Nia Brown from Cowbridge and Brenning Davies from Dinas Powys.

**PUPILS**, parents and teachers at Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg are celebrating excellent A-Level examination results this year as the school achieved a pass rate of 96.2 per cent of pupils attaining an E grade or above in two or more A-Level subjects (Level 3 threshold).

Of all entries, 80.6 per cent were graded at A\*-C while 34.1 per cent of all grades were A\* or A (an improvement of 5.9 per cent on 2017).

The school takes pride in the success of all pupils who have reached their potential and have worked tirelessly to achieve their results.

The Skills Challenge Certificate is a particular strength of the school with all pupils benefitting from refining a wide variety of skills.

88 per cent of pupils gained A\*-B grades with 53 per cent gaining A\*-A. All BTEC grades were graded at Distinction\*.

Congratulations go to all pupils on their results and in particular, Niclas Want for gaining 3 A\* and 1 A, Brenning Davies (4A\*) and Nia Brown (3A\*) ensuring places at Oxford studying English Literature and Jessica Gulliver on her 3 A\* grades and A\* in the Skills Challenge Certificate.

Llinos Jones secured 2 A\* and 1 A grade and will study at the Royal Northern College of Music, while Manon Ogwen Parry has secured a scholarship to study music at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama. Congratulations to all the pupils and staff, and the school wishes all pupils every success for the future.



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**PUBLIC EVENT**  
**Thursday 6th September:** Cardiff Story Museum, The Old Library, Cardiff, CF10 1BH  
**16.00 - 19.00** presentation with Q&A from 18.00  
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# Local schoolboy lands scholarship to Yale University



*Twm Aled, third from right, celebrates completing the summer school with fellow Yale Young Global Scholars.*

**WELSH St Donats schoolboy Twm Aled is celebrating an unique double this summer.**

He returned from a scholarship at Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut, to pick up his GCSE results last week at Ysgol Bro Morgannwg in Barry. Twm was successful in gaining a place on the Yale Young Global Scholarship scheme – an internationally renowned summer school attended by students aged 15-17 from more than 150 nations.

At the Ivy League university he studied biomedical sciences and made friends from around the globe.

Notable Yale alumni include Hillary Clinton, George W Bush and

Meryl Streep and it is named after benefactor Elihu Yale who had a strong association with Wrexham and the Welsh community of Lal.

Twm described the course as a 'life changing experience and one that has fuelled my interests in further academic study'.

Last Thursday, Twm gained a total of 12A\*, A and a distinction in further mathematics in his GCSEs. He intends to return to the sixth form at Ysgol Bro Morgannwg in September to study chemistry, biology, mathematics and English literature.

"It's been a summer to remember and treasure," said Twm, who also celebrated his 16th birthday while away at Yale.

**Aled Huw**

## St Athan visit for aviation society

**PENARTH Aviation Society recently paid an evening visit to St Athan airfield as guests of the 634 Volunteer Gliding Squadron.**

Having cleared security, we were met by Sqn Ldr Idwal Jones who gave us an interesting outline of the history of the Air Training Corps and specifically the school at St Athan.

He then told us how cadets are given initial training from the age of 13½ yrs. The training at St Athan is entirely ground-based. This starts with lectures about the aircraft's controls and the effect they have on the aircraft.

After this they progress to a very realistic flight simulator. This allows the cadet to experience flying a Grob109 aircraft (known as a Vigilant in the RAF) without having to leave the ground.

After the completion of the training courses the cadets are assessed and the best are selected to fly the Vigilant for real at RAF Styrston. The very best of these can look forward to a successful career in aviation.

The PAS members who attended were able to sample the experience that is available in the simulator. 'Flights' were made from St Athan to Cardiff and Swansea airports and all the members agreed how realistic the experience is.

Our visit was arranged by the former head of 634 VGS, Ed Griffith – our thanks to him for a splendid evening. The next upcoming visit is to the Air Museum at RAF Cosford in September.

Further information may be found on our website: [www.penarthaviationsociety.co.uk](http://www.penarthaviationsociety.co.uk).

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## ADVERTORIAL FEATURE

# Julia gets her life back after a year of trauma

**A CARER to her disabled son James, Julia Elliot found herself hitting rock bottom when in September 2014 she was diagnosed with breast cancer.**

She had a double mastectomy followed by chemotherapy. During her chemotherapy, her son James was admitted to hospital and, sadly, passed away from sepsis. Julia was in utter turmoil as she carried on with her treatment.

In that short period of five months, Julia's life had become unrecognisable to her. She had lost her son, breasts, hair, job and purpose. Unsurprisingly she was diagnosed with PTSD. She became a recluse and had lost all hope. She couldn't face the world.

It was too hard, so instead she turned to food as her comfort. The more she ate, the more unhappy with her body she became and the stones piled on. But she was in a vicious circle and she couldn't see any way out.

Her husband, Steve, took her on a dream holiday to try and make her feel better but when returning home, she felt worse. The holiday photos left her distraught, she had to try and take control.

She was a fighter, and it was this that finally pushed her to walk through the doors at Slimming World.

Julia said: "The hardest part was forcing myself to walk through the door in June 2017 on my very first night, with my head held low. I felt so insignificant, with nothing to offer."

"However, the group welcomed me with open arms, a cuppa and with no judgement and oodles of support."

"I loved the lifestyle changes that Slimming World gave me. I was eating bigger portions of food than my husband."

## Beach clean wants volunteers

**VALE Coastal Cleanup is looking for volunteers.**

The group holds its next beach clean on Sunday, September 2 on Gileston beach in conjunction with Keep Wales Tidy and the All Wales Beach Clean event.

Volunteers will meet in the car park at 2pm, litter picking kit is provided. For more information follow them on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter or email [valecoastalcleanup@hotmail.com](mailto:valecoastalcleanup@hotmail.com).



yet the pounds were falling away. Everybody was bemused how I could lose so much weight but eat so much food," she said.

Julia was ecstatic when the plastic surgeon said her BMI was perfect for her breast reconstruction to go ahead in January 2018.

She soon became a lover of exercise classes at Cogan Leisure Centre, continued to lose weight and reached her dream weight in June 2018, only one year after she had first walked through the doors. She couldn't believe how much it had changed her life.

Julia said: "With every pound I lost, my self-esteem improved. The group voted me their 'Woman of the Year' and I was also awarded 'The Greatest Loser' for my 4st 7lb loss."

My family started to rebuild itself with the return of my personality and roles of wife, mother, daughter, sister and friend. I realised that although I'd lost a huge part of who I was, I could create a future.

"It would be a different life, but it could still be rewarding and we could still take James with us. As long as we remember his gorgeous happy personality, he will never leave us."

Julia's son Tom has a life mantra 'Everything Inspires Me' and she decided to adopt it too.

Wanting to give back, Julia aimed to help others achieve their dreams and is now a Slimming World consultant and re-launching her first group on Wednesday, September 5, at the All Saints' Church Hall in Victoria Square, Penarth at 5pm.

She's finally recovered her sense of purpose and worth and is really excited to show others what can be achieved if they believe in themselves – after all, we are all in this together.

Life's challenges can prevent us from being the people we deserve to be and walking through the doors of a Slimming World group is the very first step to better mental and physical health.

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Julia can be contacted on: 07718 284171.

If you would like more information on the role of being a Slimming World Consultant, contact Martin Woodsford on 07827 445570. The next information sharing event is on Sunday, September 9 at the Mercure Hotel in Swansea 10am – 12.30pm. Contact Martin to book your seat and you are welcome to bring a friend.

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# Out & About with The GEM

## BlackKkKlansman is Spike Lee's most vital film in over a decade...

**C**INEMA is a perfect place for stories so incredible you could scarcely believe they were true.

This can most certainly be said about Spike Lee's latest film, *BlackKkKlansman* which is based on a true story from the early 1970s. Ron Stallworth (John David Washington) is the first African-American police officer to serve in the Colorado Springs Police Department, and with a desire to prove himself, he sets out to infiltrate the Ku Klux Klan.

Teaming up with fellow officer Flip Zimmerman (Adam Driver), the pair go undercover and aim to take down the group, led by David Duke (Topher Grace), an aim that is easier said than done...

While still undoubtedly prolific, Spike Lee has gone almost a decade without making a film that has truly seared its way onto the cinema-going public.

2006 was his box office high point with *Inside Man* (perhaps his most mainstream offering), but since then while Lee's films have explored important themes, they haven't connected with the masses in the same way.

All that changes with *BlackKkKlansman*, a film that on the surface could be played for frivolity and certainly doesn't lack in humour, but it's also a film that is politically and culturally of the moment, the 1970s-set story all too sadly relevant in 2018.

Lee isn't a director known to soft-soap anything, but here he dials down the abrasiveness and strikes a tone that has a lightness of touch on subject matter that is definitely hard-hitting.

There is, of course, inherent humour in an African-American infiltrating the Ku Klux Klan (over a telephone wire at least), but while the Klan are played as malevolent fools, there's a constant undercurrent of their hate that always

reins in the danger of it falling too far towards comedy.

There is one scene in particular that shows this extremely well; Lee cuts between the Klan getting ready for a ritualistic ceremony in their pomp and an old man (played by Harry Belafonte) recounting the true story of a young man who, found 'guilty' of rape, was beaten, tortured and repeatedly set alight – the juxtaposition is sublimely done, but extremely difficult to watch.

He has a cast that is extremely impressive across the board, most notably John David Washington and Adam Driver. As the two sides of Ron Stallworth they are excellent; Driver, as Zimmerman, we're more than aware of, his detective inveigling his way through the Klan with seemingly nary a consideration for himself, though Driver tells you, through his eyes, that all is balanced on a knife edge.

Washington, though, is a new find. Son of



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Denzel and a regular on TV series *Baller*, here he shows a charisma and swagger that screams leading man and he more than holds his own alongside his more experienced cast mates.

His determination to make a name for himself other than being the first African-American police officer in Colorado Springs is what draws

him towards the Klan, and Washington beautifully captures a man pushing himself to do the right thing in the face of adversity, both in the police and the world he has infiltrated.

Laura Harrier impresses as Patrice, a student activist who Ron falls for and who gives him direction when he needs it the most, while Topher Grace, as the Klan's leader, is strong, describing how he plans to make America great again (where have we heard that before?) and Corey Hawkins' small, but captivating, turn as Kwame Ture is rabble-rousing.

There is a lingering feeling that Lee has held back a little bit at times. Certainly how this story reflects into the future, and our present day, raises a few saddened laughs (the notion that a man like David Duke could become the president, laughed at by Stallworth), but there are times when you feel that Lee should have added a little more bite to proceedings.

He rounds the film off with a trip to the present day, where we see that those whose beliefs match up to that of the Klan are now being given a voice and a presence that seemed almost incomprehensible 10 years ago.

It's a gut punch, one that makes you realise that far from being a historical document, and a humorous one at that, *BlackKkKlansman* is a story that is achingly, terribly relevant today.

**VERDICT** – Spike Lee's most powerful and all-reaching film in many a year, *BlackKkKlansman* is an extraordinary story told with humour but with the knowledge that the events of nearly 50 years ago still, sadly, have currency today.

The performances, particularly from leads John David Washington and Adam Driver, are exemplary, and Lee seems more vital than ever in this wholly compelling true story.

**SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED:** *Malcolm X* (1992), *Get Out* (2017).

## Tasty line up for return of festival

**THE local environmental organisation Gwyddio Penarth Greening (GPG) has announced the return of their annual Penarth local food festival.**

This year's festival is taking place on Sunday, September 23, at the Kymin on Beach Road, a location popular with both traders and festival goers.

First held in 2011, the event fast became a popular and much-anticipated fixture on the town's annual calendar, attracting large crowds of locals and visitors.

The festival aims to highlight the vast range of quality independent food producers and businesses in the area and provide a showcase for the very best of local produce.

Visitors will be able to sample a wide range of fresh local produce such as cheeses, breads, preserves, locally brewed beers and ciders, all provided by local businesses.

There will also be a

wide variety of hot food on offer from local restaurants and caterers.

Vegetarians and vegans will also be well catered for.

This year GPG's 'Shop Penarth' loyalty card scheme will be marking the anniversary of the scheme's relaunch at last year's festival and unveiling some exciting new developments on the Shop Penarth (SP) stand.

Also present at the event will be the Plastic Free Penarth campaign with a stand highlighting the issue of plastic pollution and offering examples of sustainable alternatives.

Launched by GPG earlier this year the campaign aims to help reduce the use of polluting single use plastics in Penarth and help the town achieve 'Plastic Free' status as part of the Surfers against Sewage national 'Plastic Free Communities' campaign.

The food festival is from 11am to 4pm. Entry is free.

## What's on and where in your area?

### Councillor's surgery

CLLR Carolyn Webster, Welsh Conservative Councillor for the Newcastle Ward, Bridgend would like to invite residents to her monthly surgery in Bridgend Library, Halo Recreation Centre, Bridgend on Saturday, September 1 between 10am and 12pm.

No appointment is necessary. Should you wish to contact Carolyn outside of this time, her telephone number is 07743 574786 or you can email her at [cllr.carolyn.webster@bridgend.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.carolyn.webster@bridgend.gov.uk).

CLLR Webster holds a residents' surgery in the library on the first Saturday of every month excluding January and August.

### Bingo

A BINGO social evening takes place in the Lesser Hall, Cowbridge town hall, on Thursday, September 6 at 7.30pm. Light refreshments available; free entry.

### Glamorgan Quilters

THE Glamorgan Quilters group invites other needlework enthusiasts to its trader visits between 10am and 3pm on Saturdays in Ystradowen village hall (CF71 7SY).

If you want a trader to bring a particular item, contact the trader a few days in advance.

September 8: Little L's and Finstall Fabrics for hand machine needles, hand machine threads and patchwork fabrics. Email [www.littles.co.uk](http://www.littles.co.uk); [www.finstallfabrics.com](http://www.finstallfabrics.com).

### Councillors' surgery

LLANTWIT First independent councillors will be holding a surgery at the Heritage Centre, Town Hall, Llantwit Major on Saturday, September 1 from 9.30am until 11.30am. Residents who have any issue to raise are welcome to attend.

### Valeways walks

ON Sunday, September 2, at 2yp, Gemau Cidd – Hidden Gems, starting at maes parcio, Cliff Parade, Penarth CF64 5BP.

On Monday, September 3 at 11am, Woodlands, Fields and Castles, starting at the entrance to the car park at the Walston Castle, Wenvoe.

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### Authors in Penarth

ON September 12 at 3pm, author Nell Stevens will discuss her latest book, *Mrs Gaskell and Me: Two Women, Two Love Stories, Two Centuries Apart* over a cream tea at All Saints Church, Penarth.

Tickets (£15) include a signed copy of the book and a cream tea.

On September 14, also at All Saints Church, award-winning poet, playwright and novelist Owen Sheers will be reading from and his 70th birthday tribute to the NHS in prose poem form, *To Provide All People*, which was recently dramatised by the BBC.

Doors open at midday for a 12.30pm start. Tickets (£10) include a light lunch.

### National Gardens Scheme

PENLLYN Court, Cowbridge, CF71 7RQ will participate in the National Gardens Scheme on September 2 from 2pm to 6pm.

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## GEM reader uncovers faces from the past



**SEEING** the photo titled 'Portrait unearthed at The GEM' at the bottom of page 26 in August 16 GEM prompts me to send you the attached photos.

I have 12 glass plate negatives, possibly daguerreotypes, and

probably dating from the mid-1800s. Two are of Cardiff Castle and 10 are of people including children. I have been able to scan these and invert them in Photoshop to produce positives. Most of the images would have been taken in a photographer's studio.

I am guessing that the people are members of a presumably well-off family living in or near Cardiff. I attach one photo of the husband, wife and two children, another of the husband with maybe his brother and one of Cardiff Castle.

Are any of your readers with historical knowledge able to identify them?

I live in Dinas Powys.  
Roger Pattenden,  
Dinas Powys.

## FUW challenge raises vital funds for charities



**WALES'S** highest mountain called **Farmers' Union of Wales (FUW)** fundraisers recently, and a team of dedicated staff and members answered by tackling six routes in 12 hours to raise funds for the Union President's charities – Alzheimer's Society Cymru and The Farming

**Community Network (FCN).** Tackling the 1,085 metre giant, some of them three times in a row, £1,344 was raised.

FUW president Glyn Roberts said: "This was another fantastic challenge staff and members set themselves to raise money for our charities. Thanks go to the team, who either walked or were involved in a supporting role, for their continued support and excellent effort."

Got a story? Then get in touch with us - email [editorial@glamorgan-gem.co.uk](mailto:editorial@glamorgan-gem.co.uk) or call 01446 774484

## A clean slate at CAVC

**CARDIFF** and **Vale College** is in partnership with the **Construction Youth Trust, BAM Nuttall, The Wallich BOSS project, Cardiff Prison, Acorn Recruitment and Careers Wales** in the delivery of the **Clean Slate Cymru pilot project.**

The project aims to support ex-offenders scheduled for release, preparing them to enter employment in the construction industry, while also challenging the perception of hiring ex-offenders as part of the workforce.

Regeneration and infrastructure is a key strategic theme of the Cardiff Capital Region City Deal, and other large capital expenditure projects are also underway and in planning. CITB report expected employment growth of 2.7 per cent in Wales in comparison to a UK average of 0.6 per cent.

In light of this, construction companies are taking advantage of what a spokesperson, putting a very positive spin on it, termed "... a vast resource" in ex-offenders leaving prison in search of employment.

Over two weeks, staff at the college helped to deliver employability classes to the offenders in the prison's education suite. Talks were also given on careers in construction and apprenticeship opportunities.

## UPPER OGMORE PUBLIC EXHIBITIONS WIND FARM & ENERGY STORAGE PROJECT



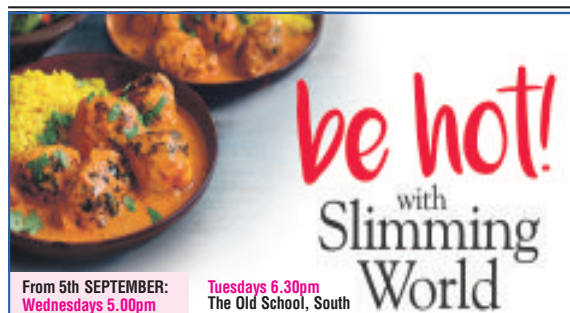
Garreg Lwyd Hill Wind Farm, Powys, height to tip 125m (for illustrative purposes only)

RES, a company with strong Welsh links, is proposing a wind farm and energy storage project at Upper Ogmere, between Abergwynfi, Blaengarw and Nant-y-moel, in Bridgend County. It is anticipated that the wind farm could be capable of generating approximately 25 MW (megawatts) of clean, green and renewable electricity – enough to power approximately 21,000 homes.

We would welcome the opportunity to update you on our proposals for Upper Ogmere. We will be holding a second series of public exhibitions in September to enable people to find out more and provide us with their views. As part of the exhibitions we will also be consulting on plans relating to the Commons Act 2006.

If you cannot attend, comments on the proposal must be provided by phone 029 2002 1074 or writing to Chris Jackson, Project Manager via email at [upperogmore@res-group.com](mailto:upperogmore@res-group.com) or by post at RES, Cedar House, Greenwood Close, Cardiff Gate Business Park, Cardiff, CF23 8RD.

Persons submitting comments in response to the Pre-Application Consultation are advised that comments submitted to RES at this time are not representations to the determining authority; there will be an opportunity to submit representations to the determining authority should a planning application be made. The homes equivalent figure has been calculated by taking the predicted annual electricity generation of the site (based on RES studies Upper Ogmere has a predicted capacity factor of approximately 40%) and dividing this by the annual average electricity consumption figures from the Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy 2018 (3,781 kWh).



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# Llantwit Major Flower and Vegetable Show

## August 18 - 'A blooming fine day for gardeners!'



## Llantwit Major Horticultural Show

(Class winners – names in first, second and third order.)

### Vegetables & Fruit

Dish of three potatoes (coloured): G Ramsey, Liz Rees (2), A Wellsbury.  
Dish of three potatoes (white): Liz Rees (2), J Simmonite, A Wellsbury.  
Dish of runner beans: T Prior, G Benfield, A Payne.  
Dish of nine dwarf french beans: A Leech, D Morris.  
Five onions up to 250 grams: T Prior, Liz Rees (2), St Iltyd's School.  
Three onions dressed: Liz Rees (2), T Prior, A Leech.  
Three onions as grown: A Leech.  
Dish of nine shallots exhibition: T Prior.  
Dish of three carrots long: D Chapman, A Wellsbury.  
Dish of three carrots stump: T Prior, A Wellsbury.  
Dish of beetroot round: T Prior, J Simmonite, E Brown.  
Dish of five tomatoes: T Prior, E Brown, A Leech.  
Dish of five small fruited/cherry tomatoes: A Wellsbury, A Payne, D Chapman.  
Brace of cucumbers: T Prior, K Thomas, E Brown.  
Dish of peas (six min): A Aspinall, B Aspinall, A Wellsbury.  
Two head of lettuce: A Wellsbury.  
Collection of salad vegetables: A Wellsbury.  
Collection of six kinds of vegetables: Liz Rees (2), A Wellsbury.  
Any other vegetable: J Windsor, T Prior, G Benfield.  
Dish of soft fruit: T Fowler, Anonymous, J Simmonite.  
Dish of four stone fruit: K Jones, Liz Rees (2).  
Dish of culinary apples: J Simmonite.  
Dish of dessert apples: R Leech, Davis, M Evans.  
Any other fruit: Liz rees (2).  
Top tray: A Leech.

### Flowers & Pot Plants

Vase of cut flowers: E Brown, J Simmonite, S Geary.  
Vase of three sunflower stems: J Simmonite.  
Vase of three collarette dahlia stems: E Brown, C Thomas.  
Vase of three blooms of decorative dahlias: S Simmonite, T Fowler, S Fowler.  
Vase of three blooms of cactus dahlias: S Simmonite, C Thomas, T Fowler.  
Vase of two-three stems of floribunda roses: S Geary.  
One single spike of gladiolus: B Payne, T Fowler.  
Vase of three carnation or pink stems: S Geary.  
One hanging basket: E Brown, A Payne.  
One pot plant in flower: S Fowler, S

Geary, J Simmonite.  
One fuchsia in 10 inch pot (max): B Payne, A Payne, B Aspinall.  
One pot of cactus or succulent: M Evans, R Leech, R Evans.  
One foliage pot plant, no buds allowed: S Geary.

### Top vase: C Thomas.

### Giant vegetables

Heaviest marrow: J Windsor.  
Longest runner bean: C Thomas.  
Longest cucumber: C Thomas.

### Novice vegetables

Dish of four runner beans: D Morris.  
Any other vegetables, two maximum: D Morris, J Windsor, D Morris.

### Novice flowers

Vase of cut flowers: S Saunders, M Evans, R Evans.

### Decoratives

Miniature exhibit of garden flowers and foliage between 4 – 9 inches high with no accessories: C Jones, S Geary, L Ress (2).  
Exhibit using fresh garden flowers only: C Jones, B Payne.

Exhibit of fresh garden foliage only: B Payne, S Geary, C Jones.  
A basket of fresh garden flowers, handle to be seen: S Geary, J Simmonite, C Thomas.

A dried flower arrangement: B Payne.

### Children's displays

A display of natural foliage: E Rudd, P Latham.

An arrangement of mixed garden flowers and foliage: E Stark, E Rudd, P Latham.

A miniature arrangement of garden flowers in an egg cup: E Stark, E Rudd, P Latham.

An animal made from one or more vegetable or fruit: P Latham, E Stark.

A miniature garden on a base 10x15 ins: E Stark, E Rudd, P Latham.

Draw, name & colour and wild flowers: P Latham.

Home baking, preserves & brews  
Chocolate sandwich: C Prior, C Thomas, S Geary.

Lemon drizzle cake: C Jones, B Aspinall, C Ramsey.  
Five fruit scones: C Prior, S Comben, S Geary.

Six shortbread biscuits: A Aspinall, C Jones, T Prior.  
Five sausage rolls: C Jones, T Prior.

Jar of chutney: V Davis, T Prior, S Morris.  
Jar of marmalade: C Jones, C Pugh, R Leech.

Jar of jam: A Leech, R Cutter, R Cutter.  
A bottle of homemade wine, beer, liqueur or cordial: S Morris, T Fowler, C Jones.

### Children's baking

Four queen cakes: E Stark, P Latham.



**I THINK you would all agree that this year has been one of mixed weather extremes and not hugely enjoyed if you are a gardener or grower relying on consistency.**

A long mild winter ending with the 'Beast From the East', a wet spring and very dry summer, challenging! We were lucky to have 36 exhibitors who provided a feast for the eyes.

The Llantwit Major Horticultural Society would like to thank the following for their support: our show sponsor Harris Pye Engineering and the local businesses who provided prizes for our end of show raffle. Also our exhibitors, our visitors and the 30 supporters who worked tirelessly throughout the day.

Finally, Liz Evans for her floral arrangement demonstration and our three stall holders: Leighton Morris of Herbs in Wales; Sue Verran of Ty-Mel with homemade preserves, and The Vale of Glamorgan Ramblers. Thank you, for without you there would not be an event like this in Llantwit Major.

There were a total of 228 exhibits. This was slightly down on last year but the quality more than made up for this shortfall. Well done to you all for keeping the standards high. The judges were very pleased with all the exhibits on show, something we all felt on walking around the displays.

This was a difficult one to judge and it was only minor differences that influenced the final placements. As you walked about all the floral displays you could not help but to admire the beautiful colours and originality from these exhibits.

Along the vegetable and fruit tables there were melon, plums, apples and onions, sweetcorn, beetroot, carrots and cucumbers, sword-like giant runner beans and many more. We had exhibits for our children's section and from our novice vegetable growers.

The three girls Ella Stark, Phoebe Latham and Eden Rudd touched hearts with their vibrant miniature gardens, animals made from fruit and vegetables and foliage displays. First time exhibitors Dai Morris and Jarrod Windsor graced our novice table. Most notably there were a

pair of marrows on display – it is the top table for you next year!

To add to the occasion Alan Cairns, our MP and Secretary of State for Wales, visited over the lunchtime and commented to Bill Lee the society chairman on the obvious effort that had been made.

Within the show were exhibitors Liz Rees, Barbara Payne, Sylvia Geary and Elaine Brown, who all received prizes with Elaine winning best flower exhibit.

The Top Tray and Top Vase were won by Alison Leech and Cath Thomas respectively.

Tim Prior won the best in show with a dish of nine exhibition shallots, also the National Vegetable Society silver medal and RHS Banksian medal for most money won in classes 1 to 47.

Andy Wellsbury won the prize for the most exhibits entered with 18. Chris Jones had the most points in section seven, baking, preserves, chutney and home brewing. This section was up over 50 per cent on last year, with a chocolate sponge sandwich proving popular.

Our very young lady exhibitors, Ella (six), Phoebe (seven years six months) and Eden (three years eight months) were all successful in winning prizes, large red rosettes and certificates of excellence. Three future horticulturists in the making, and judging by their smiles very pleased and rightly so.

Finally, Karen and Simon Winter-Hartley and their son received the award for best kept allotment judged to RHS rules. All the cups and trophies were presented by the society chairman Bill Lee on behalf of Harris Pye Engineering.

Whether you were three years and eight months or 87 years and three months, we hope that this enthusiasm will encourage more flower and vegetable growers to add to our show of next year which will be held on August 17.

Please note, all the photographs were taken by Matt Fallows of the Vale Photographic Club and a large selection can be viewed on the society website at: [www.llantwit-major-horticultural-society.com](http://www.llantwit-major-horticultural-society.com).

### Trophy winners

Bill Webb Shield for Best exhibit in show – Tim Prior.

Town Council Cup Exhibitor with most points – Tim Prior.

DT Brown Cup Exhibitor with most entries – Andy Wellsbury.

EA Lloyd Cup Class 21, six vegetables – Liz Rees.

Keith & Jean Powell Shield – Best fruit exhibit in classes 23-28 – Tim Fowler.

Society Rose Bowl Best flower exhibit – Elaine Brown.

Society Cup Best vegetable exhibit – Tim Prior.

Society Trophy Class 42, hanging basket – Elaine Brown.

W Deere Memorial Trophy Most points in decorative class – Barbara Payne.

Show Secretary's Shield Best dish of runner beans – Tim Prior.

DT Brown Cup Best dish of tomatoes – Tim Prior.

Albert & Barbara Payne Cup Most points for flowers and pot plants – Sylvia Geary.

RHS Banksian Medal Most money won in classes 1-47 – Tim Prior.

National Vegetable Society Silver Medal Best vegetable exhibit – Tim Prior.

Pamela Bean Memorial Trophy Best exhibit of flowers & foliage – Chris Jones.

Eleanor Lloyd Memorial Trophy Best kept allotment – Karen & Simon Winter-Hartley.

Llantwit Major First Independent Councillors' Cup Most points in section 7, home baking, preserves & home brewing – Chris Jones.

Top Tray Three types of vegetables – Alison Leech.

Top Vase Vase of mixed flowering stems – Cath Thomas.

**Children's classes**

Aberthaw Power Station Shield Best exhibit in children's classes – Ella Stark.

Eddie & Sue Hughes Cup No 1 Winner in classes 66, 68 & 69 – Eden Rudd.

Eddie & Sue Hughes Cup No 2 Winner in classes 66, 68 & 69 – Phoebe Latham.

Mrs W Stephens Cup No 1 Winner in class 67 – Ella Stark.

Mrs W Stephens Cup No 2 Winner in class 70 – Ella Stark.

Report by Tim Prior.

## Proud of Cathedral School's 'strongest set of GCSE results'



*Celebration time at The Cathedral School, Cardiff.*

**FOLLOWING** last week's A-Level results, the Cathedral School is once again celebrating exceptional GCSE results.

A school spokesperson said: "An outstanding 49 per cent of grades were the equivalent of A\* or above (England Pathway), with 69 per cent of all grades at A\*/A. An incredible one third of our pupils secured 8 A\* grades or above, and 100 per cent of pupils achieved at least five GCSE grades A\*-C, 77 per cent with 5 A

grades or better.

"Top performers who scored exclusively A\*/A included Archie Baxter, James Bibey, Erin James and Maya Rollnick, and Bryn Lloyd.

The head of the Cathedral School, Mrs Clare Sherwood said: "I was absolutely delighted to congratulate the pupils this morning on one of the strongest sets of GCSE results in the school's history.

"Following our continued success at A-Level last week, we are thrilled that year-11 have risen to the challenge of the new,

demanding qualifications. That they have done so well is testament to their talent, resilience, hard work and the excellent teaching at the Cathedral School.

"I am incredibly proud of our pupils and teachers who work so hard to make the Cathedral School such a wonderful school with so many academic and co-curricular opportunities.

"I am very much looking forward to welcoming our new sixth form at the beginning of September."

### ADVERTORIAL FEATURE

## MajorPride event aims to leave a lasting legacy across the Vale



*The Old White Hart will be renamed The 'Rainbow Hart' for MajorPride 2018.*

**MAJORPRIDE** is on Saturday, September 1 and Labour's prospective parliamentary candidate Belinda Loveluck-Edwards has been named as the inaugural ambassador for the coming year.

Belinda has been working closely with the organisers of MajorPride and she hopes her role will ensure the event is only the start of a long-term legacy for residents of the Vale.

She will officially open the MajorPride

pop-up store and information centre in Llantwit Major at 9.30am on Saturday.

She said: "I am honoured to have helped Rhodri Ellis Owen bring Pride to the Vale and I am committed to helping throughout the year as its first MajorPride ambassador.

"I know the organisers have been overwhelmed with support from the community and businesses for MajorPride, the first ever Pride event in the Vale.

"While we want to make MajorPride an annual event, what is as important is the legacy of this event in helping to break down barriers to promoting and accepting diversity throughout the year.

"The Vale of Glamorgan is a lovely place to live, work and visit but we must not forget that for some they need to be supported in their sexuality and identity on a daily basis and that is an ongoing project."

Rhodri Ellis Owen, on behalf of MajorPride said: "Belinda has been a great champion of MajorPride from day one and her support has been invaluable in helping make it work and I'm happy she has accepted to be our first ambassador.

"Plans for the day are shaping up well and local businesses have been queuing up to get our bunting and decorate their shops and I am so grateful to them for their

support.

"Judges will be visiting the shops on Friday, August 31 and will decide which is the best decorated store."

"We now have a full timetable that starts with a Ska concert and lights switch-on on Friday night (August 31) in the Rainbow Hart (readers may know it better as the Old White Hart) which has been renamed in honour of the event.

"On the big day on Saturday, September 1, our pop-up store in Boverton Road (the Install a Stove shop) will be officially opened by Belinda at 9.30am.

"The pop-up store will be the place to go to pick up information maps for the day as well as buy our T-shirts, badges and other Pride merchandise.

"Most activities will take place around town between 11am and 3pm with exhibitors in the Llantonian Hall, a Wellness and Community zone in St Illtud's Church, a dog show and a classic car display and convoy around the town.

"Llantwit Major rugby team will be wearing rainbow laces in their first match of the season and the day continues with live music at the Rainbow Tavern from 3pm to 9pm, followed by an evening at the Tudor Tavern of classic disco hits with entertainment from Mary Golds, one of the UK's top drag performers."

## Police on show at Sully open day



**BRIDGEND** and the Vale of Glamorgan's Annual Police Open Day was held recently and was once again a great success.

Around 1,500 visitors turned up to the Sully Sports and Social Club on Saturday to get a glimpse of the work carried out by South Wales Police and its various partner agencies, including South Wales Fire and Rescue Service and HM Coastguard.

Police dogs, traffic cars and armed response demonstrations once again proved a big attraction, as well as drone displays. Officers were on hand to show how the latest technology is being used by police including automatic facial recognition technology.

Sergeant Mark John said: "It was an absolutely fantastic day which gave us and our partners the opportunity of showing the work being done on a daily basis to keep our communities safe."

"There was a real sense of community spirit on the day and that's what these events are all about. It was

great to see members of the public engaging with officers at such a fun event.

"I would like to thank everyone who attended and the planning team who made the event such a success."

There were a variety of fun activities for families to enjoy including tug of war games. Around 19 Police Youth volunteers were also part of the open day.

Sergeant Angela Bennett added: "Police Support Volunteers, Special Constables and Police Youth Volunteers were deployed at our Police Open Day in Sully, to help police the area, keep it safe and at the same time promote volunteering within the force."

"Their duties included traffic control, patrols of the area, engagement with the public and providing information on crime prevention and volunteering."

"We value volunteers, citizens from within the communities we serve, who want to get involved in the issues which directly affect them, and appreciate the range of skills experience and local knowledge they bring to our service."

## GCSEs complete a 'fabulous' year at Christ College



*Erica Morgan, Sacha Pearson and Alice Edwards.*

**CHRIST** College Brecon is celebrating remarkable success at GCSE after pupils sat the full suite of linear GCSEs with increased content and no coursework or modules.

Despite concerns nationally about how pupils would cope with this form of assessment, Christ College pupils have achieved some outstanding results, with an overall 94 per cent pass rate.

The new GCSEs are graded 9-1 with grade 9 classified as a super \*\* grade and 8 as the old A\*.

The cohort achieved 31 per cent at grades 8 or 9, and 52 per cent of all grades were 7, 8 and 9.

In English literature, 12 candidates achieved a level 9 (31 per cent of all

entries). In history, 20 per cent of entries were at grade 9 with 29 per cent of entries at the same level in religious studies.

The best performance in the school came from Erica Morgan from Monmouth who achieved 8 grade 9s and one grade 8.

Gareth Pearson, the head of Christ College, commented: "This is a fantastic set of results. I am especially proud of how well our pupils and staff coped with the challenging transition from the old GCSE syllabus to the new system."

"This completes a fabulous year for Christ College Brecon with five 'Excellents' in our November Estyn Inspection, 20 per cent A\*'s in our A-Level results and now 31 per cent 8/9 in our GCSE results."



**"It is an honour to be the first MajorPride ambassador. Have a great day everybody!"**  
Prospective Parliamentary Candidate  
Belinda Loveluck-Edwards

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# FOURTH LLANTWIT MAJOR 10K DRAWS RUNNERS FROM ACROSS SOUTH WALES



## PHOTOGRAPHS by ANDY WICKS

Telephone 07855 374478

**LLANTWIT MAJOR 10k race took place on Saturday, August 25, and fortunately for the competitors, it was held in ideal weather conditions.**

It is the fourth time the run has been held.

There were elite runners, fun runners, some taking part for a good cause and others running in groups.

Those taking part weren't just from the Vale, but from all over south Wales.

The presentations at the end were held at the

rugby club.

Gary Brown of Penarth and Dinas Runners was first home (senior men).

Clara Evans of Cardiff AAC was first home in the senior ladies.

Jason Scanlon of Pontypridd Roadents AC was first in the men's masters (45 plus).

Sharon Leech of Swansea Harriers was first across the line in the ladies' masters (45 plus).

Local photographer Andy Wicks took this pictorial record of the day.

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**T**HE month of September is a busy time in the calendar of Macmillan Cancer Care fundraisers, as it marks the launch of the 'World's Biggest Coffee Morning'.

This year's official coffee morning day is Friday, September 28, although people can choose their own date.

It is Macmillan's biggest fundraising event for people facing cancer.

A Macmillan spokeswoman said: "We ask people all over the UK to host their own coffee mornings and donations on the day help fund our many services."

"Last year alone we raised over £27 million and together we can make this another successful year."

The first ever coffee morning was in 1990. It was a rather small affair with a simple idea – guests would gather over coffee and donate the cost of their cuppa to Macmillan in the process.

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repeated the next year – only this time nationally. Since then, all those coffee mornings have raised over £200 million for Macmillan.

The spokeswoman continued: "Hosting your own coffee morning is easy. All you have to do is sign up on <https://coffee.macmillan.org.uk> and we'll get your kit to you."

"In the meantime we have plenty of posters and games for you to download on our top tips page ready to host your event."

"Having a coffee morning is the perfect chance to catch up over a cuppa and a slice of something delicious for a great cause."

"One in two of us will face cancer, and the money you raise will help us make sure no one has to face it alone."

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to understand the support people need to live their lives as fully as they can. From the moment of diagnosis and whenever we're most needed, we're here to help people find their best way through.

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She added: "We're proud to have M&S as our headline partner for the ninth year."

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Long jumper Greg Rutherford is showing his support for the Macmillan Coffee Morning 2018 by sharing the recipe for his salted caramel and peanut brittle 'Long Jump' showstopper – here is how to make it...

Heat oven to 180C/160C fan/gas 4.

Grease two 20cm x 4.5cm deep cake tins with plenty of butter, and line the bases with baking paper. Boil the kettle.

Measure all the ingredients for the cake into a large mixing bowl and, using an electric whisk or wooden spoon, beat together until smooth.

Measure 250ml of boiling water into a jug and add to the cake batter a little at a time, beating well after each addition. Divide the mixture between the cake tins and bake for 25-30 minutes, or until a skewer inserted into the centre comes out clean. Leave the cakes to cool in their tins, on a wire rack.

Meanwhile make the icing. Put the sugar, double cream and 80g of the butter into a saucepan and set over medium heat. Allow the butter to melt, then turn up the heat and bring to the boil – stirring constantly. Allow to boil for one to two minutes, then remove from the heat and leave the butterscotch sauce to cool completely.

For the peanut brittle topping, oil a lipped baking tray and set aside. Put the sugar and two tablespoons of water into a small saucepan. Set over a low heat and allow the sugar to dissolve – do not stir.

Once the sugar has completely dissolved, turn up the heat and bring to the boil. Let it

bubble and turn a dark amber colour – this could take 10-20 minutes, watch over it at all times.

When it reaches dark amber throw in the peanuts and stir to coat them with the caramel, then quickly pour onto the greased baking tray and leave to cool until solid.

Once the butterscotch sauce is completely cool finishing making the icing. Put the remaining butter into a bowl and, using an electric whisk, beat until pale and fluffy – you could also do this in a freestanding mixer using the whisk attachment.

With the whisk still going, gradually pour in the butterscotch sauce and continue whisking until the icing is light and pale in colour. Finally, stir through the salt.

To assemble the cake, place one of the chocolate sponges onto a cake stand, then spread over half the butterscotch icing.

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# The English Speaking Union enjoys its summer garden party at Fonmon Castle



Sir Brooke Boothby, Lady Inkin, Wyn Calvin, Liz Stokes, Derek Morgan.



Jeff James; Sir Norman Lloyd-Edwards, David Morris, Dr Shan Ng.



Sir Norman Lloyd-Edwards, Byron Lewis, Morfudd Meredith, Peter Beck: a quartet of Lord Lieutenants past and present. (Byron is LL of West Glamorgan.)



Jan Purchell, Stephen Purchell, Liz Stokes.



Josephine Knapp, Peter Knapp, Pam Haines.

## Elisabeth heads for Vale

PRINCESS Elisabeth, the 16-year-old heir to the Belgian throne, is to study the International Baccalaureate at Atlantic College in the Vale.

She is the eldest child of King Philippe and Queen Mathilde.

Princess Elisabeth will join students at St Donats from around the world. The college, founded in 1962, is committed to making education a force to unite people, nations and cultures for peace and a sustainable future.

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**Development that may affect a Conservation Area/  
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Application No./ Rhif y cais: 2018/00345/FUL  
Proposal/Cynnig: Erection of 2 No. two storey blocks each containing four units, each unit consists of two bedrooms and two living rooms to accommodate elderly persons  
Location/Lleoliad: Plot of land, The Limes, Cowbridge  
Conservation Area/Ardal Gadwraeth: Cowbridge

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**MEMBERS of the south Wales branch of the English Speaking Union once again basked in the sunshine at Fonmon Castle as they enjoyed their traditional summer garden party.**

This was truly an evening to remember with Beppe Villa dispensing the delicacies of his Fresh Food Company, the ladies of Bridgend Soroptimists offering mystic packages in return for loose lolly, and a brass quartet from the Cardiff County and Vale of Glamorgan Youth Orchestra providing musical merriment.

Lady Inkin, branch vice-chairman and her fellow judges faced a sartorial

challenge in choosing the lady and gentleman with the Most Appealing Summer Garden Party Attire, but much deliberation led to Liz Stokes and Wyn Calvin each receiving a bottle of vintage Champagne donated as usual by the host Sir Brooke Boothby.

As guests slowly meandered away at the close of festivities the unanimous wish was that we would be able to return again next year.

The next meeting of the ESU South Wales Branch is the AGM and lunch at Cardiff City Stadium on Tuesday, September 18, with Lord Jonathan Evans, former Head of MI5, as guest speaker. Further details from Derek Morgan, branch chairman, on 01656 669129 or [esusbw@googlemail.com](mailto:esusbw@googlemail.com).

## Snowy in late summer

**SNOWY is a five-year-old Lurcher who is very special.**

She has lots of energy despite having only three legs. She adores a cuddle and likes to sit on your lap.

The training team are currently working on her doggy socialising skills and also focusing on her recall, as Snowy is deaf and needs that extra help.

She is looking for a home where owners can dedicate time to focus on her training needs.

She can live with children seven years and over, if they are used to dogs. Snowy has heaps of personality and deserves to find a home.



A spokesperson said: "If you would like to know more about Snowy, then contact Dogs Trust Bridgend on 01656 725219; or pop down to the centre at Court Colman CF31 4NG. You can also check out Snowy's video on our website: [www.dogstrust.org.uk/re-homing/dogs/dog/filters/bri-n-1197380/snowy](http://www.dogstrust.org.uk/re-homing/dogs/dog/filters/bri-n-1197380/snowy)."

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## New black bag limit is imminent

**CHANGES to Vale Council black bag household waste collections are set to be introduced early next week in an effort to boost the county's recycling performance, said a council spokesperson.**

From September 3, households will be able to put a maximum of two black bags of waste for collection every fortnight.

Standard size black bags need to be used as extra-large bags and wheeled bin liners will not be collected.

There will be no change to collection days and residents can put out as much dry, food and garden recycling as they have.

Additional recycling containers can be obtained from Barry, Cowbridge, Llantwit and Penarth libraries, as well as some smaller libraries and the Council's Alps depot in Wenvoe.

Using a lockable caddy, compostable bags and weekly food waste recycling collection instead of storing waste in black bags can help control smells and keep pests out.

Cllr Geoff Cox, the Vale Council cabinet member for neighbourhood services and transport, said: "We need to increase the amount that we recycle in the Vale. We currently recycle 64 per cent of our waste, which is really good, but we need to recycle 70 per cent by 2024/25 to meet the Welsh Government's mandatory targets. If these targets are not achieved the council may be fined."

"We have found that over 60 per cent of the waste put out in black bags in the Vale can be recycled through services provided by the Council. We want householders who don't recycle to start and

those who currently recycle to recycle more by focusing on items from around the home.

"For example, shampoo bottles and aerosols from the bathroom, aftershave and perfume bottles from the bedroom etc. This will help us to increase the amount we recycle across the county."

"While the targets give us a focus and something to work towards, the change is not just about targets, it is about becoming recycling focused as a county."

A number of other councils have seen an increase in recycling rates after introducing restrictions to black bag waste.

Since making the move, Bridgend has overtaken the Vale to emerge as one of the best performing authorities in Wales in this area, while Anglesey, who also operate a restricted residual waste policy, are another near the top of the pile.

It is possible to apply for additional bags if six or more people live in a household or in cases where a large amount of non-recyclable waste is produced, by pets or in the form of nappies, for example. Such waste can be double bagged to reduce odour.

Requests must come after attempts have been made to keep to the restriction and a warden may visit to discuss individual needs.

Ash from a coal fire may also be placed in an additional black bag but it must not contain anything else, be clearly labelled, not heavy; cold and the council must be informed to expect such waste.

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# How ploughing really was 'life on the edge' in 1918!

**THE Vale of Glamorgan Ploughing & Hedging Society held its meeting at the Six Bells Inn, Penmark on August 22, when the final details were discussed for the ploughing match at Sealand Farm, St Bride's Major on Sunday, September 9 by kind permission of Richard Anthony (the society's president) and family.**

The chairman Andrew Studley stated that the judges and officials had confirmed their attendance at the event, and he asked that members who were able to act as stewards should contact the secretary.

The secretary, Sarah Radcliffe reported that there were 35 entries to date in five or six classes with another two weeks to go and it was hoped that there would be over 40 competitors in total.

It was noted that a number of horse teams were entered in the ploughing match. Trade stand numbers were up from last year and one or two local tractor distributors would be putting on a working display of equipment.

Practice plots would be available on Saturday, September 8 for competitors who wished to use them. The chairman pointed out that the society had been very lucky over the years to have first class sites for the ploughing match and Sealand Farm would rate among them.

A programme of the event will be available on the day. Stewards will be very pleased to answer any

questions from visitors about the event. There will also be ample catering facilities available.

The event will start on September 9 at 10am. Car parking will be free and entry will be £5 for adults but will be free for children under 16 years of age and also free for members of the society.

Around 100 years ago, David George of Merthyr Mawr, grandfather of Basil and David George, ploughed land at Sealand Farm. It would appear in those days the custom was that a new tenant moving into a farm would have a field ploughed by a collection of neighbours as a goodwill gesture.

David George was one of about six ploughmen who spent some days there. The story was that on the Friday they finished for the week and on Monday found that about half an acre of the ground which had been ploughed had gone over the cliff top into the sea.

This must have given the ploughmen who had been working that field a great shock!

Competitors can rest assured that the ground in question will not be where the 2018 ploughing match is to be held!

Further information about the ploughing match can be obtained from the secretary on 01446 710610 or 07855 414759. Alternatively check out more information and photographs at [www.facebook.com/valeofglamorganploughingsociety](http://www.facebook.com/valeofglamorganploughingsociety).

Basil George

# Letting staff volunteer for local causes

**A LOCAL estate letting agent is giving each of their staff a paid day off this year to volunteer in the local community.**

ACJ Properties in Penarth began by asking for ideas via social media and received lots of suggestions from the public about who they might be able to help.

So far, ACJ have helped Llandough Primary School with exterior painting, volunteered at a British Red Cross shop, and tackled some gardening and groundwork at children's hospice Ty Hafan in Sully.

Managing director Sarah Plumley said: "We are proud to work with local community organisations.

"We fundraise for some larger, national charities annually, but in particular, we find that supporting the local groups is very rewarding as the results are so visible and significant.

"Our staff also love taking part in these initiatives and helping to make a difference."

Haydn Jones, associate director of estates and facilities at Ty Hafan said: "We are constantly seeking ways

to deliver savings against our precious resources, and the support of volunteers from various companies goes a long way to assisting us in undertaking work that would otherwise cost us money via, for example, contractors.

"We appreciate that lots of companies are committed to delivering corporate and social responsibility and to hold volunteer days is a great way for us all to receive mutual benefit.

"We are always happy to host volunteers with a mix of any skillset.

"It was a pleasure to host staff from ACJ Properties, who not only worked extremely hard on the day, but did so with a smile on their faces."

Gemma Sawyer at the British Red Cross in Penarth commented: "It was great to have the company's staff to help us for the day to give them an idea of the daily life at the Red Cross.

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## THOMAS

## Islwyn (Wyn)

Wyn, of Broad Street, Barry, died peacefully in hospital after a short illness, having recently celebrated his 91st birthday. Long retired from the DHSS in Kendrick Road, Wyn had previously held a variety of driving jobs including Dow Corning, Western Welding, Thomas Motors, Ezzo and even, for a time, Wall's Ice Cream. Wyn, like his father, had been a keen bowler at Barry Athletic Club. He also enjoyed the company of fellow members of the Wyndham Club.

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The funeral will take place at A.G. Adams Funeralcare at 12 noon on Wednesday, 5th September, followed by committal at the Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry at 1pm. Family flowers only with donations in lieu of flowers to Marie Curie Hospice Penarth c/o the funeral director.

## COLLIER

## Jean Beryl

Peacefully after a short illness on Monday, 20th August at The Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend. Jean of Stoneleigh Court, Portcawl and formerly of Highfield Road, Barry. Beloved wife of the late Roy, much loved mother of Robin and mother-in-law of Joan and a dearly loved nanna of David and Gareth.

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Funeral on Friday, 7th September, service and cremation at Coychurch Crematorium at 1.15pm.

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## Barbara Elizabeth (née Orton)

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## GIBBS

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## WARE

## Lynn Dorrington

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## YOUNG

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# Busy season nears end for surf lifesaving club



## Ladies open day at Wenvoe Castle



*The winners are presented with their prizes by club captain Mike Chick.*

**THE popular ladies open day at Wenvoe Castle was held last Friday with entries from many golf clubs throughout the region and a few further afield.**

The changeable weather conditions meant a risk of some showers but generally the rain kept away and umbrellas were rarely seen.

The competition was organised as a team event with the best two scores to count from each team of three. As usual there were separate prizes were for visiting teams and those representing Wenvoe Castle.

The top visitors' score was 74 points by Andrea Page, Lisa Taylor and Linda Lloyd of nearby Brynhill Golf Club.

Just missing out by a single point were Andrea Downing, Imelda Nash and Mags Probert from Pontnewydd Golf Club who scored 73.

There was also some close competition among the Wenvoe Castle teams and the winners were Jane Lott, Caroline Holland and Sandra Champ who posted an excellent score of 77

points to win by the narrowest of margins, on count back, from Judy Green, Fran Grant and Jayne Smith.

Sue Bridle of Dinas Powis Golf Club took the prize for nearest the pin on the second hole with the ball coming to rest 505cm from the pin.

Maggie Newton from Llanishen Golf Club recorded the longest drive on the 14th fairway.

Wenvoe Castle club captain, Mike Chick presented the prizes and in congratulating the winners thanked all the competitors for their support.

He also gave particular thanks to the ladies section of the golf club for their excellent administration throughout a long day and appreciated the traditional first class service provided by the bar and catering staff.

The golf course was continuing to recover from the exceptionally hot summer months and the green staff were thanked for presenting the course, particularly the greens, in such fine condition.

**VALE Surf Lifesaving Club is nearing the end of a busy first season on the beach, which has seen the establishment of a thriving Nipper section with the whole club thoroughly enjoying their new home at Jacksons Bay/Barry Yacht Club.**

August 18-25 saw the club competing in the National Championships at Holywell Bay in Cornwall. The Masters team of Sarah Baker, Steve Baker, Nia Hopkin, Dominic Lee and Simon Parker competed over the first two days in very challenging sea conditions.

Great performances were put in by all with Sarah Baker bringing home the first medal of the championships. Despite very rough sea conditions Sarah had an exceptional paddle to win bronze in her board race.

Sarah also gained a bronze medal in the ladies double ski with Nia Hopkin, who was competing in her first Masters beach competition. Dominic Lee put in an impressive performance in the men's beach flag event, gaining a very respectable fifth place.

Steve Baker and Simon Parker put in a strong performance in the men's double ski, finishing in sixth place.

The following two days it was the turn of the Junior team. The team was Abigail Baker, Alice Connolly, Ben Ewington, Declan Ewington, Tesni Gardiner, Louie Gwatkin, Reuben Hopkin, Sean McKenna, Emily Parker, Brooke Peterson and Ellie Peterson.

The first day saw Ellie bring home a bronze medal in the under-19 beach sprints with the whole team putting in some very impressive performances in challenging conditions.

Day two saw Ellie increase her medal tally with a silver in the under-19 ski race and a superb gold in the under-19 beach flags.

In the under-15 double ski race Abigail and Emily improved on last year's fourth position by winning a silver medal, while in their under-15 double ski race, Reuben and Ben put in a great performance to win a bronze medal.

In his individual events, Reuben had a fantastic competition, bringing home a gold medal in the under-15 ski, bronze in the under-15 ironman, bronze in the under-15 1k run and bronze in the under-15 beach sprint.

Reuben was also the first Junior to finish the long distance board paddle held at Holywell Bay at the end of National Championships. He finished fifth overall behind older and very experienced paddlers.

All members of the Junior team put in fine performances whether medal winning or not - in the under-17 double ski race Brooke and Tesni raced superbly, leading the field around most of the course and eventually finishing in fourth place.

Alice excelled in her individual ski race with two superb starts both in her heat and the final to finish in sixth place overall despite being one of the youngest competitors in the final.

In his under-15 swim race Louie showed great resilience completing the course, despite having to swim in extremely rough sea conditions.

Sean McKenna, competing for the Vale on the beach for the first time, finished a very impressive seventh in under-17 flags and ninth in under-17 sprints.

It was great to see Declan back on the road to recovery and competing in the sprint relay, having had to take a long time off training this summer due to illness.

The final event in the National Championships belonged to the Nippers and all of Vale Surf Lifesaving Club were proud to be represented by Honor Hopkin as our sole competitor.

Honor acquitted herself well in all events and it was great to see the pink hat visible on the beach over the two days of competition.

Many thanks to Gem and Steph for their brilliant competition catering service and to Simon and Kelsea for their excellent team management.

Several incidents over the course of the summer have served to remind us that although competition is an important aspect of surf lifesaving, the training and skills provided by lifeguard clubs across the country in order to preserve life remains at the forefront of everything we do.

Members of Vale Surf Life Saving Club were involved in the third rescue of the summer last week when a swimmer got into trouble at Jacksons Bay.

A textbook rescue took place, giving the Nippers who were training on the beach at the time a valuable insight into how the skills they are learning may be needed one day to save a life.

The rescue board used to bring the patient back to the beach was donated by Barry Town Council and the club would once again like to thank the council for this essential piece of equipment.

The Masters, Seniors and Juniors will be competing at Porthcawl on September 1-2 in the Welsh Championships which is their final event of the season.

## Barrivale Bridge Club results

**RESULTS for the Barrivale Bridge individual sessions on August 21 are as follows.**

1st, Jane Brook 66.67 per cent; 2nd, Sue Jones 61.76; 3rd, Hilary Laurence 57.84.

As always new members are welcome and a partner may be arranged, if required.

If you would like to join us ring 01446 418380 or 01446 733425 or 01446 735592. You can also call at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry on Tuesdays at 7pm.

Alternatively, inexperienced or new players may attend the following sessions - Friday 10am to 12.30pm at the Pioneer Hall for lessons and assisted play.

Thursday afternoon for assisted play from 1.30pm-4pm at the Barry Waterfront in the Uniting Church, Heol y Lloneg, Barry (CF63 4AP).

New members wishing to start learning bridge can join the next beginners class on Friday, September 21 in the Pioneer Hall.

## Members and guests enjoy a day of golf at Cottrell Park



First team winners with ladies' captain Lorraine Ponton-Bell.



Abi Morgan of Wrexham Park picked up the longest drive award.



Jenny Lord was nearest the pin.



Lowri Roberts, second team winner.



Val Evans, nearest the pin.

## Results from the Millwood Bowls Club

### WEDNESDAY evening saw Millwood travel to Roath Park for a rearranged Division 6 fixture.

On a slightly overcast evening the match got underway and on Rink 1 Alan Bumford, Nigel Tutton, Dave Woodfin and Mickey Lucas eased into an early lead 10 shots to 5 after eight ends but a mini-revival by the home rink saw the scores level after 15.

A strong finish from the Millwood four saw a winning score of 23 shots to 17.

On rink two Keith Davies, Haydn Spencer, Dave Bourne and Steve Sewell struggled over the first five ends, trailing seven shots to one but as they got the measure of the rink they gradually took control, drawing level by end 14 at 10 shots apiece.

A strong finish over the last three ends saw them win by 16 shots to 12.

Meanwhile on rink five Tony Williams, Brian Crockett, Dave Lougher and Brian Howcroft stormed into a 10-1 lead, only to lose the next three ends.

Maintaining a one shot lead, 10-9 after nine ends, a four on the 10th end restored the lead and steady bowling saw them run out comfortable winners, 26 shots to 16.

On rink four Geoff Stone, Tony Cole, Rob Browne and Alan Evans struggled to find the line and trailed 6-2 after five ends; eight shots scored over the next three ends gave them a narrow lead, 10-7, however over the next seven ends the home side edged ahead 15 shots to 10, and despite the rink's best efforts lost narrowly 17-14.

Winning three rinks to one, Millwood took overall victory 79 shots to 62, taking 12 points overall.

On Saturday

Millwood travelled to Taffs Well for a Division 3 fixture of some importance to both teams at opposite ends of the table.

On rink three Alan Bumford, Nigel Tutton, Dave Lougher and Kelvin Lewys got off to a solid start, easing into an early lead which they held until the 13th end when the home side hit back, taking seven shots over the next three ends and going on to win 17 shots to 4.

On rink four Brian Crockett, Peter Taylor, Keith Thomas and Mickey Lucas started brightly with a 5 but immediately dropped a 3; the game was nip and tuck for the next five ends, at which point the home side showed their superior local knowledge to pull away to an easy 26 shots to 13 victory.

On rink five a similar story was being played out - after a slow start the Millwood rink found themselves initially down, then all square after 10 ends, 9-9. They then eased into the lead on the next two ends but a dropped 5 and 3 on the next two ends undid all the good work and the home rink won 21 shots to 15.

On rink six Maurice Jodrell, Alan Anniss, Rob Browne and Haydn Spencer were unable to handle the rink and the home players pushed

home their advantage and ran out easy winners, 24 shots to 10.

For the first time this season the team lost on all four rinks, losing 14 points in the process.

Millwood A hosted local rivals Barry Central - on rink two Geoff Stone, Stan Hopkins, Des Cameron and Bryn Webb struggled to get into the game, and although they got within touching distance, a 5 and a 6 dropped on the 14th and 15th ends finally nailed their coffin, losing 28 shots to 10.

On rink three Keith Davies, Harry Hodgkinson, Roy Gregory and Dave Bourne did not get started at all, and were severely beaten 42 shots to 4.

On rink three Tony Williams, Gary Smith, Alan Bickley and Mike Williams got off to a flying start and led 11 shots to 7 after 10 ends, a lead they would not give up, winning 18 shots to 11.

Elsewhere, on rink five, Derek Gorrington, Dave Lewis, Roger Williams and Arthur Norris were unable to pose any problems to their opponents and slipped to 20 shots to 9 defeat, overall victory going to the visitors by 101 shots to 41, taking 12 points in the process. BH

## Bridgend Bridge Club results

### THE latest results for Bridgend Bridge Club are as follows.

On Wednesday, August 22: first, Tony Disley and Steve Burgoyne; second, John Beard and David Birt; third, Dave Lea and Graham Norris. The winners on handicap were Tony Disley and Steve Burgoyne.

On Thursday, August 23: first, Clive Edwards and Maggie Ashpole; second, Marjorie Halley and Shelia Gass; third, Mike Williams and Gareth Jenkins. The winners on handicap were Marjorie Halley and Shelia Gass.

On Friday, August 24: first,

Jane Brook and Wendy Williams; second, Simon and Debbie Richards; third, Steve Burgoyne and Irene Thomas. The winners on handicap were Jane Brook and Wendy Williams.

Regular club nights take place on Wednesday and Friday evenings at Nolton Church Hall. Play is scheduled to start at 7pm, to enable a prompt start it helps if players arrive at least 10 minutes early.

On Thursday afternoons at 2pm, again at Nolton church hall, there is a gentle bridge session when help is available with the bidding. All sessions are played in

a friendly manner, visitors and new members are always welcome.

A new course of lessons for beginners will start on Monday, September 3 at Nolton church hall from 3:30pm to 5:30pm. The lessons are fun and practical, with plenty of opportunities to have a go. It is a good way to make new friends and to get into something different which will challenge you to think, but which is also an enjoyable pastime.

For more information contact Steve Burgoyne on 01656 661968 or email Steve at steve@steveburgoyne.plus.com.

## Cowbridge Bowling Club hold annual triples competition

COWBRIDGE Bowling Club held its annual triples competition over the weekend of August 24-27, and this year saw the largest number of entries for this competition with 48 members taking part, allowing 16 triples teams to compete.

The morning matches were played under sunny skies and saw some very close games. Pat Holdsworth's rink of Gerry and Diane Lloyd overcame Clive Pritchard's team of Len Taylor and Janet Morton 13-11.

Steve Close's rink of Alan Jordan and Lin Wallace, beat Kay Edward's team of Jim Hewlett and Terry Foley 14-11, due mainly to a superb firing shot by Steve on the last end.

On the other two rinks there were good wins for Bob Penn's team of Dave Westlake and Dorothy Pritchard against Sylvia Hole's rink of Tina Payne and Mike Fahey (16-10), and the Wilson household were pitched against each other when Lynda played her husband Colin's team and won 10-6. Lynda's team consisted of Terry Dunsworth and Jan Kirk and Colin's team were Gerwyn Watkins and Helena Snelling.

In the afternoon torrential showers interrupted play, but the rink held up well and play was able to continue after a slight delay.

There were comfortable wins for Dennis Snelling's rink of Sandra Collin and Stan Harding, also for Norman Wilkinson's team of Tom Purnell and Jane Westlake. Alan Wallace's rink of Ron Dobie and Jean Hunt won a hard-fought match 12-9 against Byron Richards' team of Diane Purnell and Ken Payne.

The closest match of the afternoon was between Corrie Bufton's team of Mansel Davey and John Collin who played Elaine Dobie's rink of John Hunt and Alan Fussey. The match was all square at 11-11 at the end of regulation play and the extra end was won on a measure by Corrie Bufton.

The weather forecast was so bad for the Sunday that the day's play was abandoned. The quarter-finals, semi-finals and finals were played to a slightly shorter format on a drier

Monday.

The 10 end format for the quarter-finals and semi-finals made for some very close games. In the game between the teams of Corrie Bufton and Alan Wallace an extra end was needed to decide the game which was won by Alan's rink 9-8.

Steve Close and Pat Holdsworth had a tight game which Steve won 8-7, and another 8-7 win was achieved by Lynda Wilson's rink against Bob Penn.

The last quarter final was between the teams of Dennis Snelling and Norman Wilkinson. Although the score was 10-1 to Dennis, a much closer game took place than the score would indicate with only a single shot being won on the majority of ends.

The semi-finals took place in the early afternoon with Alan Wallace's team prevailing against Dennis Snelling's on the final end, 13-9, and Steve Close securing a 9-6 win against Lynda Wilson.

The final, of 12 ends, took place under improving weather with over 40 club members turning out to witness an excellent game.

Steve Close's team of Lin Wallace and Alan Jordan played against Alan Wallace's rink of Ron Dobie and Jean Hunt. Steve led for most of the game until Alan's team picked up five shots to go 12-9 up.

The penultimate end saw the shot wood change repeatedly as excellent shots came in from Alan Jordan and Jean Hunt, eventually resulting in four shots for Steve's team to bring them into the lead 13-12. Steve's team had a successful final end to run out deserving winners 17-12.

The triples cup was presented to the winning rink of Steve Close, Lin Wallace and Alan Jordan by club president, Mary Thomas.

Club chairman Diane Lloyd thanked all participants for an excellent weekend's competition and expressed her thanks to the competition secretary, Alan Wallace, for organising the event.

This weekend will see the climax of the competition year with the club finals taking place on Sunday and Monday, September 2-3.

AWW

## Family fun enjoyed by all at Cottrell Park



The marquee at the club was packed.

### COTTRELL PARK Golf Club recently opened its doors for a family fun day.

The event was for members and non-members and included a disco with competitions and prizes, a bouncy castle, children's play area and fun golf activities with club professional Gareth Bennett.

Also available on the day was a barbecue ice-cream van, face painting and other activities. A club spokeswoman told THE GEM that they were delighted with the number of families who came along to enjoy the day.

Got a sports story, match report or item of interest? Then get in touch with us - email [sport@glamorgan-gem.co.uk](mailto:sport@glamorgan-gem.co.uk)

## Good win for the Vale firsts

**VALE Cricket Club first XI travelled to Ebbw Vale in the penultimate league fixture of the season.**

Having won the toss in a glorious setting where Glamorgan would have been seen playing in years gone by Vale won the toss and elected to field.

Ebbw Vale have struggled this season having been previously relegated and had everything to play for in order to avoid the drop again.

The father and son combination of Darren and Alex Upham opened the bowling and together they caused mayhem. Darren Upham took the first wicket caught by Withers.

In his next over he then removed the other opener Pepper (13) who gloved behind to Ash Taylor. Upham took his third wicket with an inswinging delivery that saw the balls fly high into the sky leaving him with figures of 3-17.

He was well supported by his son who failed to take wickets in his first spell but bowled very well with aggressive pace.

It was the introduction of Aaron Davies (2-20) and Tom Taylor (1-16) that took the game away from Ebbw Vale.

The two spinners bowled excellent lines and lengths with the very occasional loose delivery. The Wales under-13 player Davies, who was making his debut for the first team, bowled exceptionally well and showed great maturity as he picked up both of his wickets with the help of wicket keeper Ash Taylor who grabbed two sharp stumpings to assist the young bowler.

Ash was in the action again this time

helping his twin brother by taking a catch standing up the stumps, something that is never easy to do.

The introduction of Dean Oram (2-21) and the reintroduction of Alex Upham (1-20) ensured that Vale kept the pressure on their opposition.

Ebbw Vale's number seven battled hard with a well-fought 27 not out which helped push his team towards an important batting point.

Ebbw Vale faced their full allocation of overs amounting 111-9.

Vale openers Oram and Alex Upham went about punishing any poor or short bowling. Upham pulled and hooked well with big shots while Oram showed his class with some excellent looking shots and stroke play.

Oram and Upham shared an opening stand of 82 before Oram was out LBW. Oram showed his quality with the bat yet again but will be disappointed to get out on a day and pitch that seemed to suit him very well.

McKay was out caught and bowled the very next ball leaving Withers to face the hat-trick ball that he left alone.

Upham chipped to backward point to end his innings and young Aaron Davies showed some grit and was harshly dismissed as he was caught behind down the leg side when he felt it hit his pad.

This left vice-captain Withers (15no) and captain JP Davies (9no) to take their side home giving Vale a six wicket victory.

Vale will finish their season with a home game against Dinas Powys where they look to chase down Monkswood who are two points ahead of them in fourth place.

HW

## Ron takes Chairman's Cup at Bridgend Municipal



Ron Helling receiving the cup from the club chairman Geoff Caldwell.

**THE annual Chairman's Cup competition was held this year on August 22 at Bridgend Municipal Bowling Club.**

The competition is played every year among the male section of the club and this year, 24 players entered to play five ends against each other on a round robin basis that ended with two semi-finals played over seven ends.

The final was then played over nine ends. Ron Helling won the cup back from David Trevelyan who had won it twice in succession (2016 and 2017). David was narrowly beaten by

Ron in the semis, who went on to beat Fraser Robinson in an exciting final played over nine ends.

The standard of bowling was good and was enjoyed by both players and spectators who were treated to a hot meal in the club's pavilion afterwards.

A round of applause was given to the ladies of the club who provided the excellent meal and to those who helped make it such an enjoyable and successful day.

New bowlers are always welcome, see our website for further information, [bridgendmbc.co.uk](http://bridgendmbc.co.uk)

GC

## Seconds' season ends with whimper

**THE cricket season closed not with a bang, but with a whimper, for Cowbridge second XI.**

Safe in mid-table, with no chance of promotion or relegation, the side from the Athletic Ground travelled to the Tawe valley to play Llandarcy, who were third before proceedings and needing to win to have any chance of claiming the second and final promotion spot.

The Friday evening rain had left the batting surface decidedly damp, making it highly suitable for bowlers, so it was of no surprise when the home side, having won the toss, asked Cowbridge to bat first.

It was slow progress for the batsmen, but Jonathan Webb scored 21 and Jonathan Napier, who made a very welcome return after his six weeks of army training in Kentucky, made 19.

Llandarcy, with a whiff of promotion in the air, were focused and determined and their fielding was excellent.

They took several good catches and bowled accurately, restricting middle-order batsmen Alistair Lawson to 16 and Naveed Younas to 12.

Wickets fell regularly, but David Gascoyne, who normally opens the innings for the Broadboard side, came in at number 10 and, despite a tight hamstring, managed to score 22 not out, to boost the total to 109 from 9 from the full allotment of 40 overs.

It was not a great total, but, on a damp wicket, Cowbridge were in with a chance, provided that they bowled and fielded well. Sadly, they did not.

Sami Khan caught and bowled their opening bat, but the other Llandarcy opener swung his bat at everything with gay abandon.

He was dropped three times and it was only when a smart piece of fielding by Will Harris ran him out for 47 that the away team could finally see the back of him.

By this time though, the damage was done and the Neath side's next two batsmen were untroubled, reaching their target in fewer than 20 overs.

So, sadly, another season comes to a close. The second XI's achievements were rather average overall, losing slightly more games than they won, but it was a summer of mostly glorious weather and good pitches, for which Hugh Williams deserves a big thank you and so everyone enjoyed themselves.

The main problem was a lack of numbers, but hopefully the club can continue to bring through and retain some good junior players, as well as recruit a few more adults to boost the squad.

Finally, a special mention is warranted for club stalwarts David Webb and Jon Brazier, who were willing to step in at the last minute on a number of occasions when the team was short.

DG

## Llantwit Major ladies end season with loss

**THE Llantwit Major Bowls Club ladies travelled to Cowbridge for their last league match.**

It was a struggle on all rinks but Dilys, Barbara, Helen and Carol settled down, going into the lead from the start.

Unfortunately at 14-12 on the 16th end they dropped a five on the seventeenth to lose 15-17 - four very disappointed ladies.

Margaret, Wyn, Etta and Gill, while playing well, were beaten by an excellent Cowbridge team. Liz, Linda,

Marilyn and Julie also found the Cowbridge ladies too much and saw their woods repeatedly taken off the jack.

Everyone, while frustrated, enjoyed the excellent company and the tea that followed. Well done Wyn, Margaret and Lynda on your first game at Cowbridge.

Our thanks to Cowbridge for your warm welcome and we look forward to welcoming you to Llantwit Major on September 12 for a friendly mixed game.

CW

## Oisín's medal delight



**IN July, Oisín Williams (seven) took part in the World Tae Kwon Do Championships which took place in Birmingham Arena.**

Oisín fought in the Pee wee Yellow Belt Boys Sparring division and did a great job.

Oisín won his first fight 3-2 and in his next fight he tried hard but narrowly missed out on a higher medal by just one point.

VW

## Women-only fitness

**L L A N T W I T MAJOR Town Council have been working with Fields in Trust and have managed to obtain a grant to promote fitness on the Recreation Ground, Llantwit Major.**

'Our Parks' has been approached to provide a women's-only exercise class for women aged 16 or over.

The ladies boot camp

will run each Sunday at 10am on the Recreation Ground, and the first class will be on September 2.

The session will be run by an experienced, fully-qualified instructor and will be suitable for all range of abilities - the class will last for 60 minutes.

Visit [ourparks.org.uk](http://ourparks.org.uk) for more information.

## On and Off The Turf with Brian Lee

**BRIDGEND trainer John Flint landed the opening Like Sun Racing On Facebook Handicap at Windsor last Saturday evening with his three-year-old Carp Kid, who, partnered by claiming three pound jockey Charlie Bennett, won by a neck from Archimento with Cross My Mind a short head away in third place.**

Carp Kid, runner-up in his previous race, was returned at odds of 7-1.

At Cartmel Pembrokeshire's Peter Bowen saw both his sons Sean and James ride winners - James riding for Irishman George Cromwell won on Toosey and Sean partnering his father's Dottie's Dilemma was successful in the handicap chase.

Peter had more to smile about around 45 minutes later when his top weighted seven-year-old Wells De Lune, under Herefordshire-born Peter Bryan, landed the big race of the day, the William Hill Cartmel Cup Handicap Hurdle, worth more than £12,000 to the winner.

Wells De Lune, a 3-1 shot, who was winning for the third time on the bounce, easily beat Lough Kent ridden by Sean Bowen.

### RACING RETURNS TO BONVILSTON

**Point-to-Point enthusiasts in the Vale will be delighted to learn that racing will be returning to Bonvilston when the Glamorgan and Ystrad Taf Fechan hunts hold their annual fixture there in 2018.**

The first time a point-to-point was held there was in 1997 when the Pentrech Hunt moved from Llantwit Major where they had been for 16 years.

The land is farmed by former Welsh rider Tudor Harris and the Countryside Alliance meeting was also held on the course which was a great favourite with enthusiasts from all over the

country.

The four-mile Welsh Point-To-Point Grand National was held at Bonvilston and for three years on the trot, so to speak, in 2002-2004, it was won by Sam Waley Cohen, who later gained fame when winning

the coveted Cheltenham Gold Cup in 2011 on Long Run.

The last time a point-to-point was staged there was in 2012 when the Countryside Alliance held a most successful meeting.

The Glamorgan Hunt will hold their races there on April 20 and the Ystrad Taf Fechan Hunt will stage their meeting on May 5.

### FLINT FAILS TO STRIKE

**Horses from John Flint's Bridgend yard more often than not appear to be involved in photo finishes.**

After his Carp Kid won by a neck in the opener at Windsor last Saturday, his course and distance winner Field Of Vision, partnered by Finley Marsh, was beaten by just a head in a photo-finish by the bottom-weighted Major Valentine in the opening Happy Birthday Lyn Davis Handicap at Chepstow Racecourse on August Bank Holiday.

Owing to parts of the course being unraceable, after jockeys had doubts about safety owing to false patches, racing was abandoned after two races with stipendiary steward Simon Cowley saying that the safety of horses and riders is paramount.

At the Bank-Holiday Monday Cartmel meeting, Pembrokeshire's Peter Bowen had plenty to smile about after his top weighted Mac Tottie took the novices' hurdle and his Wells Of Lune the handicap chase.

Both won by 12 lengths and both were ridden by his son Sean Bowen.

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## Cowbridge Bowls Club round-up

**ONLY two games were played this last week, both at home.**

The ladies have a 100 per cent winning record at home in the Thursday afternoon league and this was maintained last Thursday against Llantwit Major in what was their last game of the season.

Excellent leading by Lin Wallace, Diane Purnell and Lynda Wilson for their respective teams provided the foundation of an overall win on this occasion.

**Rink scores:** Lin Wallace, Helena Snelling, Jan Lewis and Joy Woolford 17-15; Diane Purnell, May Jones, Pat Holdsworth and Shirley Wilkinson 28-6; Lynda Wilson, Janet Morton, Elaine Dobie and Kay Edwards 29-9. **Match score:** Cowbridge 74, Llantwit 30.

The men welcomed Beddau to Cowbridge for their last home league game of the season on Saturday. There were some close games on three rinks and one big win on the fourth rink. Cowbridge won on all four.

On Roger Barwick's rink it was nip and tuck

the whole way with Cowbridge winning 25-22. Dennis Snelling's rink were also having a tussle 6-6 after nine ends then 10-10 on the 15th end and eventually winning 18-14.

Norman Wilkinson's quartet were fighting for every point, 12-12 on the 11th end, then a 5 on the 18th end, and lost the last three ends but had done enough to win 23-19.

Captain Bob Penn's rink started well, and kept up the momentum throughout and won 47-10.

**Rink scores:** Tom Purnell, Ron Dobie, Clive Pritchard and Roger Barwick won 25-22; Terry Dunsworth, Bryan Hole, Colin Wilson and Norman Wilkinson 23-19; Ken Payne, Terry Foley, Steve Close and Dennis Snelling 18-14; Mansel Davey, John Jones, Andrew Morgan and Bob Penn 47-10. **Match score:** Cowbridge 113 (14 points), Beddau 65.

Prior to Saturday's game Cowbridge were in fourth in the league and Rhooose third. Results recorded later reversed these positions.

Cowbridge and Rhooose meet at Rhooose this coming Saturday.

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## Motoring with Tony Yates – SKODA Octavia SE1.0 TSi (115PS)

**M**ANY people still say that Skoda is nothing more than a cheaper version of a VW – and I disagree with this very much.

Skoda have proved to me over the last few years that they are more than capable of standing on their own two feet – and I for one now look at Skoda as an individual company who produce fantastic cars. I mean just look at the Octavia. It's an awesome car and it deserves to be right in the spotlight – because it's utterly brilliant in every way.

In power and efficiency, the 1.0-litre TSi petrol engine has a 0-62 time of around 9.9 seconds and a top speed of 126mph. Fuel consumption is also good, giving a combined figure of 50-plus mpg. So, firstly, how well does it get a move on. Basically, like a scalded cat, if I'm being honest. I'm not kidding here folks it's astonishingly quick. That 1.0 TSi engine for me is the total sleeper car – so, be warned, if you do decide to take it on, you will almost certainly be crossing the finish line in second place. OK, I'm kidding a little, but it does get a move on pretty quickly.

On the road, the 115PS engine that was fitted to my test car was enthusiastic and pretty much perfect. Also, into the corners, the chassis feels poised and tight, even when dealing with



The SKODA Octavia SE1.0 TSi (115PS)

all the potholes and bumps on some of our worst roads. Plus when the tarmac gets twisty, the chassis firms up to give you maximum grip in and out of every corner. The steering also feels light, direct and is perfectly balanced with plenty of feedback on what the road beneath you is doing.

With regard to the interior and technology, I'm so glad to see that the designers at Skoda have paid a lot of attention to the detail inside the cabin of the Octavia. Thankfully, it now feels more refreshing and modern than the previous model I tested a while ago. Also, the seats are really comfy and the controls are well set out. The Amundsen touchscreen satellite navigation system and digital radio is pretty good too. The only thing missing now for me is some soothing music tracks playing in the background.

On the inside, there's plenty of standard equipment, which includes dual-zone air conditioning, cruise

control, acoustic rear parking sensors, touchscreen satellite navigation system, driving mode selection (eco/comfort/sport/custom) and driver fatigue sensor.

You also get ESC incl. EBV, MSR, ASR, EDS, HBA and DSR all as standard. That's what I love about Skoda, they are not afraid to give you everything you will ever need, right there when you need it.

Space inside the Octavia is very good – easily managing to fit in a family of four. The boot space alone is also huge – and you would have no trouble at all fitting in the whole family. Also, if you are looking to own the Octavia as a business car, then go and sign on the dotted line right 'now' – before they all sell out.

In summary, I like the Octavia because it's practical and fun to drive. It has bags of torque and plenty of space on the inside. Big Skoda smiles here!

The Octavia is priced from £20,575.

## When point-to-point came to the Vale - part two

**THIS is the second of the extracts from Brian Lee's long out of print book, The Races Came Off - The story of point-to-point racing in South and West Wales.**

Last time we were taken back in time to 1890 and this week we find ourselves in 1891...

The following year, 1891, the Glamorgan Hunt point-to-point was held during the annual Cowbridge Hunt Week.

This was an annual week-long carnival of hunting and racing held in Cowbridge with a different programme each day. Bunting would be hung up in the High Street and the steeplechases took place at Penlline or Penllyn as it is called today.

The conditions of entry for these races were similar to the conditions of entry for point-to-points. But as

for the actual course, the riders had to encounter trappy fences, natural banks, a couple of water jumps and some flights of gorse-topped hurdles.

The course for the point-to-point races, however, was kept a close secret until the day. The line of country chosen was from a hill at the Newlands Farm, Brocastle, round a flag close to St Mary Hill Church, and then home, the prizes being a silver plate for the 12 stone lightweight race and a choice between a claret jug or bowl for the 14 stone heavyweight event.

The first race started at about 1pm, and in between races Mr Bassett entertained a large company to luncheon in a barn adjoining the start. Mr Watson, who had won the lightweight race the previous year, this time rode Jurrw to

victory in the heavyweight race, and in the lightweight event Mostyn, partnered by his owner/rider Mr Edgar David, was first home.

"There is a charm about these point-to-point races which contests between-the-flags cannot produce," wrote Cosmos. "The blatant discord of the bookmaker is conspicuous by its absence, and one is aware that as much depends upon the rider as the horse. The course not being marked out, it is interesting to watch the direction which is taken, and how a false move to the right or left throws out the boldest of men. Gambling is confined to a sweepstake."

It was in 1895 that the Llanharan and Ystrad held a point-to-point near Llanharan village on a Wednesday afternoon. There were three races over an excellent course with good fences and some fallow land to gallop across at the finish.

The first event was for horses not exceeding 15.h.h. which had been hunted with the hunt during the season.

This race was won by Mr J. Davies on a horse called Grasshopper. Mr Davies also took the second race, which was for horses over 15 h.h., on the one-eyed Blinker, a good performer over banking courses.

The third race on the card, which was for farmers, resulted in a lucky win for Mr William Jones on Tally-Ho, after Irish Lass, who had looked all over the winner, took a tumble.

Brian Lee is the author of Racing Rogues The Scams, Scandals and Gambles of Horse Racing in Wales, which is published by St David Press.

## Tim's Newton Abbot winner

**MIDNIGHT Queen, trained by Tim Vaughan at Aberthin in the Vale and ridden by Richard Patrick, landed the Racegoers Club 50th Anniversary Conditional Jockeys' Handicap Chase at Newton Abbot last Tuesday evening.**

Eight-year-old Midnight Queen, a faller in her previous race, won by half-a-length from the Colin Tizzard-trained Top Chief and went off at odds of 9-1.

BRIAN LEE

## Walking football comes to Barry

**WALKING Football comes to Jenner Park on September 8 as Wales take on England.**

There are two games being played, with the over-60s and then the over-65s hoping to claim bragging rights over their English neighbours.

The first game kicks off at 2pm.

## Mixed Open at Wenvoe Castle



Club President Colin Champ (left) presenting the prize to the winning pair Paul Coombs (right) and Barbara Beedham (centre).



Lady captain Sheila Morrow (centre) presenting the prize to the runners-up Colin and Sandra Champ.

**OVERCAST and somewhat drizzly conditions greeted the competitors in the Mixed Open at Wenvoe Castle last Sunday.**

However this didn't deter a high entry of players from far and wide who competed in a greensome pairs competition in which separate prizes were awarded to visitors and Wenvoe Castle members and intended to nullify any local knowledge of the course.

The visitor's prize was won by Jeff and Pam Williams of Radyr Golf Club whose score of 37 points just held off the challenge of John and Angela Thomas-Jones from Mond Valley Golf Club who posted a score of 36 points.

The Wenvoe Castle member's prize was won by Paul Coombs and Barbara Beedham who scored an impressive 44 points.

Runners-up Colin and Sandra Champ also posted a high score of 41 points, which, on another day, would probably have been enough to win.

A special prize of nearest the pin on the second hole for the lady players was won by Geraldine Twamley from Glamorganshire Golf Club going close with the ball ending up just four feet from the hole.

A similar prize for the Gentlemen but on the 200 yard 15th hole was won by Keith Lewis who was closest at just nine feet.

Despite the high entry

there was just one '2' recorded and as a result Mark and Debbie Hudman from Cardiff and Whitchurch Golf Clubs were delighted to take home four dozen golf balls.

Club president Colin Champ and lady captain Sheila Morrow presented the prizes and in doing so thanked all the players who had supported the competition with particular mention for those who had travelled a considerable distance to

play. Compliments were paid to head greenkeeper Lucy Sellick and her team for the presentation of the course and the ladies section were given a special mention in the light of their excellent organisation of the event.

Likewise, the contribution of the bar and catering staff was really appreciated and all contributed to what proved to be a thoroughly enjoyable event. **BJ**

## Roy's purple patch continues

**WITH his recent win in the Vets Challenge Cup and his second place in the August Medal, Roy Denton's purple patch continued with a victory in St Mary's Golf Club's senior section's latest Stableford off yellow tees.**

Commenting on his current form, Denton, who plays off a single figure handicap said: "The course is in great condition, especially the greens. My putter has been working really well."

The field of 36 teed off in a light drizzle under an overcast sky, but conditions improved as the morning wore on, and the rain gear was discarded when the sun finally broke through. Section captain Hugh

Williams secured second place with 39 points, one less than Denton's fine four under equivalent par, 40.

Bryant Thomas completed the placings on 35 points.

Two days later, 27 members of the section played a team competition in which, for each of the nine teams of three players, the best of the three Stableford scores was recorded for the first six holes, the better two scores for the next six holes and all three scores for the final six holes.

With an equivalent par score of 72 points, second place was secured by the team comprising Wayne Newton, Dave Hughes and Norman Lloyd.

Graham Jones, Dave Llewellyn and section chairman Gordon Martin claimed the victory on 73 points.

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## The Vale of Glamorgan Football League round-up

**AFC Rhose became the first team to take points off Barry Athletic as they held the early leaders 1-1 at Ceri Road.**

Island Marine pulled level on points with Athletic at the top as they edged out Cowbridge Town 3-2.

Penarth Town recorded their second win on the bounce as they were victorious 5-3 against Sully Sports who are still looking for their first points.

St Athan are the other team looking for their first points of the season as newly-promoted Barry Saints ran out 3-2 winners over last season's runners up.

In Division One, Cardiff Airport continued their perfect start to the season as they defeated the much fancied Cadoxton Imps 4-2 in a hard-fought win.

Holton Road join the Airport as the early pacesetters having played a game less as they shocked Cogan Coronation with a 9-2 humiliation at the Rec.

Cadoxton Barry notched their first win of the season in some style as they beat SP Billy 7-2 away.

Tynwydd also picked up their first

victory in a tight affair edging Cwm Talwg 1-0 at the Buttrills Fields.

In Division Two, it's AFC Rhose B who lead the way after three games with a 2-0 win away to Penarth Town B.

Vale Madrid also have a perfect start although have played a game less, they were victorious 3-0 against Cadoxton Athletic in a very impressive result - Vale Madrid are yet to concede either.

St Athan B saw off Barry Albion 3-1 at the Buttrills and Island Marine B got their first three points of the season with a narrow 2-1 win over Barry Athletic B.

This week there is a full Premier Division and Division One fixture program Wednesday evening with the match of the night being Island Marine hosting Barry Athletic in the Island derby at Maslin Park with both teams locked on seven points at the top of the table.

Oh Saturday all three divisions return with a full fixture program with the match of the day likely to be Rhose B vs Vale Madrid in Division Two with at least one perfect start set to go.

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## Cowbridge cricket first XI experience the dying of the (promotion) light

**DYLAN Thomas' line 'Do not go gentle into that goodnight, rage, rage, rage against the dying of the light' sums up the mood of the Cowbridge first XI at close of play last Saturday.**

The light that had been their beacon of purpose during this past season did not so much die as be extinguished by the most likely of outcomes occurring in Saturday's final round of fixtures.

Both Gorseinon and Cowbridge won leaving a small but vital differential in Gorseinon's favour and so the Swansea-based club won The Dan Radcliffe Cup and promotion to the Premier League with Cowbridge as runners-up.

For the team it was indeed time to rage, rage, rage with all the feelings of built up frustration; despite having had a wonderfully successful season their ultimate goal had eluded them.

The final match of the campaign saw Aberdare

beaten by five wickets, as Cowbridge achieved their highest placing in thirteen years.

For the first XI it was scant recompense for the way they had played. However given that in the only game played between the two teams Gorseinon beat

Cowbridge the lads can have no complaints.

Had the match against Gorseinon at Cowbridge taken place then who can say how things would have worked out but the luck with the weather ran for the Swansea team that week and the

following week when they managed to play Swansea Civil Service.

However on Saturday the Cowbridge victory against Aberdare was a pretty straightforward affair. The visitors batted first and reached a total of 93.

The Harare Express, Brad Evans (3-7) and Tatenda Chiradzwa (3-14) had knocked the stuffing out of the Aberdare batting, reducing them to 51-5 and it was Cowbridge's game thereafter.

There were some spills along the way but

Ben Wright saw Cowbridge home with yet another 50 to record a five wicket win.

There were warm words for the way Cowbridge had played through the season from one of their legends, John Bevan.

Celebrating his 83rd birthday 'JB', taker of in excess of a thousand wickets for the club, was proud of the lads and was already looking forward to next season.

"Am I positive about the prospects for Cowbridge? Yes without a doubt," said John.

The make up of the First Division next year is that Tata Steel drop down from the Premier League to replace Gorseinon. At the bottom end Merthyr and Swansea Civil Service drop down to the Second Division, while Briton Ferry Steel and Llangennech are promoted.

There will be a review of the season in next week's GEM, but in the meanwhile, as Kipling's 'flannelled fools' give way to the 'muddled oafs', your scribe hands over to Messers Vaughan and Killick to keep us abreast of the progress of the rugby club as we wish them well under their captain Richie Howson.

JRB

## Promotion delight for Vale seconds!

**THE Vale Cricket Club second XI secured promotion to Division Two of the South East Wales Cricket League on Saturday with a low-scoring victory over Ebbw Vale.**

On a gloomy in Cornstown Ebbw Vale won the toss and Skipper Simon Keane elected to bat first on what looked a green wicket but one which was still firm and true.

A young Ebbw Vale team started the innings in positive fashion with Keane happy to chase any loose bowling served up by opening bowlers Joseph Davies and Mark Francis.

The opening pair Keane and wicket keeper Matthew Hall saw out the opening spell from Davies but fell to 1st change bowler Tom Lazarus.

Opening bowler Francis came through the pain barrier, having been asked to bowl out his overs in his first spell.

This proved to be a good decision as potential game changing batsman Keane was trapped LBW for a swift 28. An excellent piece of fielding from Richie Humphreys ran out number 3 batsman James Brewer for 0. After that the Vale bowling attack was able to keep the scoring rate down throughout the innings.

Lots of dot balls meant added pressure to the Ebbw Vale team and wickets fell at regular intervals.

The pick of the bowlers was Tom Lazarus picking up 3 for 14. All six bowlers used on the day each picked up a wicket, with a special mention to second team debutant George Glynn picking up his first senior wicket. Ebbw Vale completed their innings 84 all out.

Regular middle order player Gareth Kelland stepped up to open the innings with Vale captain Matthew Thomas.

Thomas lasted one ball as he nicked a short wide delivery. Richie Humphreys came in at three and set a about chasing the target with opener Kelland.

After repairing some of the early damage the pair put on 46, then Humphreys departed top edging a sweep shot for 12.

In came club stalwart

Mark Francis (with a stiff back) to steady the innings. Kelland fell bowled for 29 and Joseph Davies was caught out early to leave Vale reeling on 53 for 4.

In came the second Vale second team debutant, wicket keeper Jack Reilly, to join Francis at the crease. With 32 runs needed the pair set about the task with Francis being very watchful and Reilly attacking at any opportunity he had.

Both batsmen ended the innings on 17 not out and took Vale home to a six wicket victory with 13.2 overs to spare.

This victory today ensured that Vale seconds secured promotion with one match still to play in the league.

Vale travel to Monmouth this week seeking to clinch the title, with Vale only needing a minimum of five points to secure top spot in the league standings.

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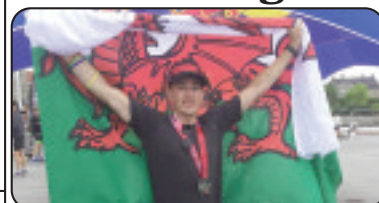
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## Alex completes Ironman challenge



**ALEX HOWSON** a former pupil at Cowbridge Comprehensive School, travelled to Copenhagen last weekend to take part in the gruelling Ironman competition, alongside over 3,000 other participants from all over the world.

This test of strength and stamina is not for the faint hearted and followed months of intense training, preparation and commitment.

It started at 6am with a 3.8 km open sea swim and was followed by a

180.2 km bike race which took participants into the surrounding countryside for over six hours, before returning to the city to commence the final stage of the competition, a full marathon, a distance of 42.2 km.

While the route took them along the beautiful coastal route and through the picturesque streets of Copenhagen, they were feeling the full pressure of the day's unforgiving and relentless demands on their bodies.

Alex achieved his goal of completing this immense personal challenge in under 12 hours - well done Alex, you are an Ironman!

Helen Howson

## Tough opener for rugby team

**COWBRIDGE RFC's first game in Division 3 East Central A takes place this Saturday following promotion last season, travelling to Gwynedd RFC in Talgarth (near Brecon).**

A good crowd travelling to support the boys. The following week we take on Pontyclun at the Athletic Field followed by a trip to Canton in the first round of the Bowl on September 15 and are then away at Treherbert on September 22.

A reminder that membership subscriptions are now due - see Rob Vaughan or Richard Killick at the Clubhouse Thursday evenings or Saturday afternoons, the club needs your support.

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